

## **GOOS Statement for OceanObs'09**

The Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) has been coordinating the planning and implementation of global, systematic and sustained ocean observations over the past decade, focused largely on the physical aspects of climate variability and change in the ocean and coastal zones. Jointly sponsored by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Program as well as the International Council for Science (ICSU), GOOS works in close partnership with numerous international programs including GCOS, WCRP, and JCOMM. GOOS welcomes the OceanObs'09 conference, and has been involved in its planning. In the decade ahead, GOOS intends to sustain its existing capabilities while at the same time welcoming the inclusion of new observations important for assessing the state and change in the marine environment, particularly in terms of biological, chemical and biogeochemical variables and processes. GOOS stands ready to work with new communities in the hope that they will benefit from joint coordination of planning, standards-setting, and implementation together with the existing stakeholders of the global ocean observing system.

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