



### Welcome from GEO Blue Planet Secretariat



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# **Training Sessions** | 24 October

#### **Objectives**

- Introduce satellite and in-situ observing and modelling of the ocean and coasts
- Provide a high-level overview of the processes involved in analysing ocean data
- Inform attendees of the availability and capacity of ocean and coastal data products for information-based decision making





### Interactive Poster Forum | 24 & 25 Oct

### **Objectives**

- Provide an interactive platform for engagement among members of the ocean and coastal observations value chain.
- Support engagement between local stakeholders and the private sector to encourage the development of local/regional opportunities.
- Discuss the role of ocean and coastal observations in addressing issues pertinent to the African continent.





# Plenary Sessions | 25 & 26 October

#### **Objectives**

- Initiate and stimulate dialogue about ocean and coastal related issues globally and in Africa.
- Provide insight into the needs of local/regional stakeholders which are essential to address marine and coastal issues.
- Explore the available tools and opportunities brought by Earth Observations in addressing these issues.
- Present inspiring examples of successful application based on Earth Observation supporting decision making.











# **Copernicus Private Sector Opportunities | 26 October**

This session will highlight private sector opportunities using Copernicus-based products in support of a sustainable blue economy.

About 20 Ghanaian and European Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) will have a 5-minute pitch to present their companies/services/products relevant for the African context, as well as needs and ideas for collaboration.





# Thematic Workshops | 27 & 28 Oct

### The five workshops will focus on the following topics:

- Earth Observations for Fisheries and Aquaculture Site Selection
- Ocean and Coastal Observations for National Adaptation Plans (NAPS)
- Earth Observations for Coastline Changes
- Earth Observations for Sargassum Monitoring
- Earth Observations for Marine Litter Monitoring







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