Welcome Notes

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Specifically geared towards improving GEO Blue Planet’s **engagement with African nations** in an effort to expand the Earth Observation community of practice, strengthen local capacity and provide access to resources, tools and services.

- **High level opening remarks**
- **3 plenaries** (fisheries, ecosystem conservation, coastal hazards)
- **5 workshops** (Marine litter, Sargassum, Coastline Changes, Climate adaptation, Fisheries & Aquaculture)
- **Training sessions** (academic & non-academic tracks)
- **Copernicus Private Sector Opportunities** (EU & Ghanaian EO-based SME pitches) in collaboration with Copernicus User Uptake Programme/ AIRCentre
Explore the role of ocean observation and prediction in addressing stakeholders needs aligned with the AU blue strategy, the UN Ocean Decade roadmap for Africa.

The Workshop encompasses two days of plenary sessions, with
• Presentations on policy, blue economy and decision making and their needs for Ocean observation and prediction.
• Keynotes on the ocean, coastal hazards, blue carbon and observation and predictions capabilities in Africa.
• Flash presentations on Earth-observation based products and services for Africa.

The following two days will be dedicated to break out workshops on the four Thematic Areas of Focus where participants from stakeholder groups and service providers will be guided to map actors, discuss needs and co-create a concept for an EO-based service/tool addressing the theme at hand.
Thank you for joining!

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