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# Observing Air-Sea Interactions Strategy (OASIS)

SCOR Working Group # 162 (November 2020 – December 2024)

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# SCOR WG #162 Deliverables are Delivered!

1. Consolidated recommendation report (TOR #1; 6-months): This synthesis report, based upon more than three dozen OceanObs19 CWP (see KEY REFERENCES) will be made publicly available and will guide all activities undertaken by the WG.  
**✓ Cronin et al. (2023)**
2. OASIS publication and submissions to Ocean Decade Action calls (TOR #1-6; 36-months): The OASIS will be published as an open-access peer-reviewed publication. The OASIS SCOR WG #162 will periodically submit consensus OASIS Big Ideas through national and international UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development action calls.  
**✓ OASIS became a UN Decade Programme in June 2021 and is now linked to 6 UN Decade Projects**
3. Best practice papers (TOR #2-5; 18-36-months) for ocean surface flux measurements, platforms, standards, analysis, array design for publication as part of the special Section Ocean Best Practices of Frontiers in Marine Sciences.  
**✓ Riihimaki et al. (2024) "Ocean Surface Radiation Best Practices", Gutiérrez-Loza et al. (2024) MTS commentary**
4. Air-sea flux toolbox (TOR #2, 4-6; 12-36-months) will be made available as open source code through github and published in code-themed journals (where needed) that includes well-documented, easy-to-use bulk flux algorithms, asset mapping, direct covariance flux code for physical fluxes with the possibility to extend to trace gas fluxes (especially CO<sub>2</sub> and DMS), and numerical 1-D (vertical) model codes. **✓ CF standard names for flux variables (github), toolbox & data portals compilation**
5. Air-sea flux curriculum (TOR #2, 4-6; 12-36-months), including a library of How-To manuals relevant to air-sea fluxes, will be geared towards early career scientists and Summer Institute students in developing nations. **✓ OASIS youtube channel has over 125 videos, with over 6109 views. 65 videos added since July 2023**
6. Website, webinars and newsletter (TOR #1-6; Ongoing): Focused webinars (1-2 per year) will allow the community to 'meet' and discuss WG's deliverables. Pending COL support, an OASIS website will be launched that will host an electronic newsletter, sent out to email subscribers, that will highlight OASIS news. **✓ quarterly newsletters, website: [airseaobs.org](https://airseaobs.org), OASIS on LinkedIn, #airseaobs social media posts, nearly two dozen briefings in past year**

# First In Person OASIS Meeting!

**OASIS Mission** is to develop a practical, integrated approach for observing air-sea exchanges associated with the Energy, Water, Carbon and Life Cycles

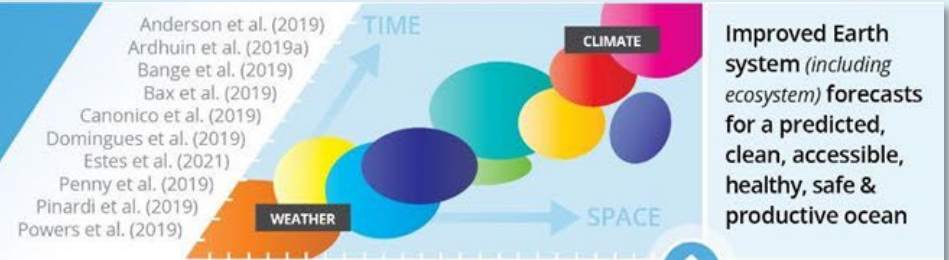


In February 2024 (prior to OSM24), hybrid Face-to-Face OASIS workshop had more than 54 in person participants, with Early Career Ocean Professionals from Africa, South America, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America

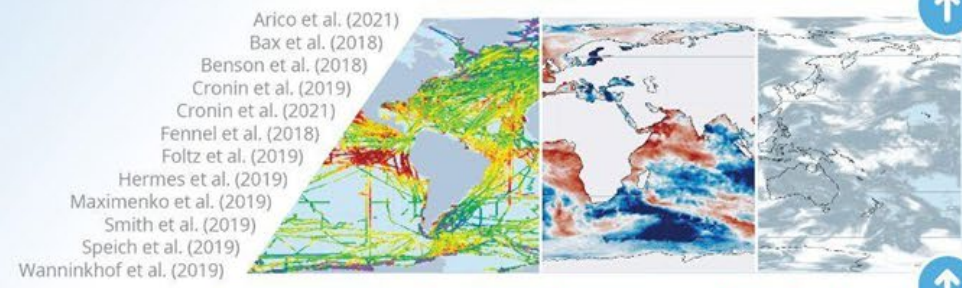
**OASIS envisions a pathway to Get Involved** in Ocean-Atmosphere Interaction Science for Sustainable Development. [www.airseaobs.org/get-involved](http://www.airseaobs.org/get-involved)



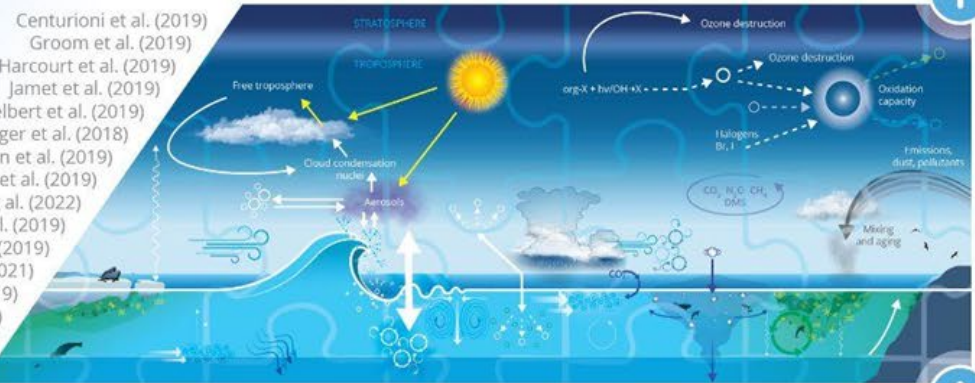
# Observing Air-Sea Interactions Strategy (OASIS) is harmonizing community recommendations from OceanObs'19 and UN Decade Laboratories... ...into three **Grand Ideas**



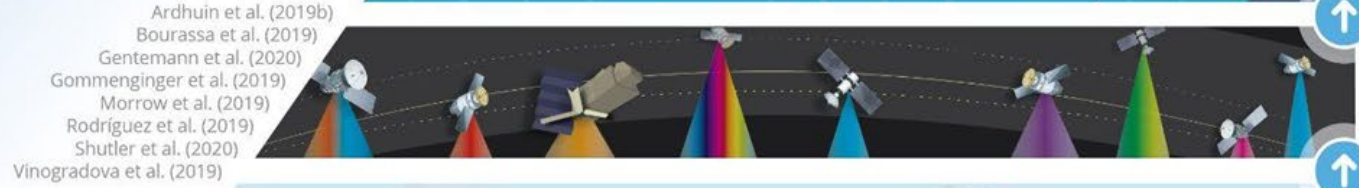
Improved Earth system (including ecosystem) forecasts for a predicted, clean, accessible, healthy, safe & productive ocean



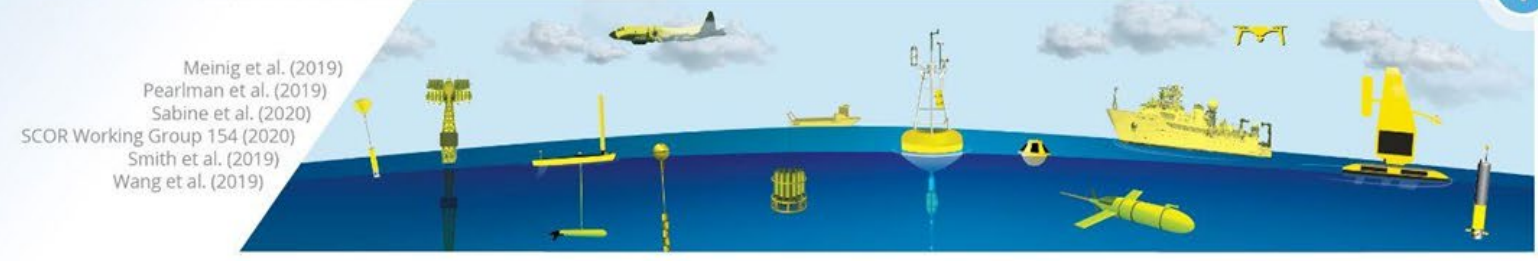
Improved ocean information serving stakeholders around the world



**Grand Idea #3**  
Improved models & understanding of air-sea interaction processes



**Grand Idea #2**  
Satellites optimized for air-sea fluxes



**Grand Idea #1**  
A globally distributed in situ air-sea observing network built around an expanded array of time series stations

Based on Fig 1 from Cronin et al., 2023





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# OASIS Theory of Change

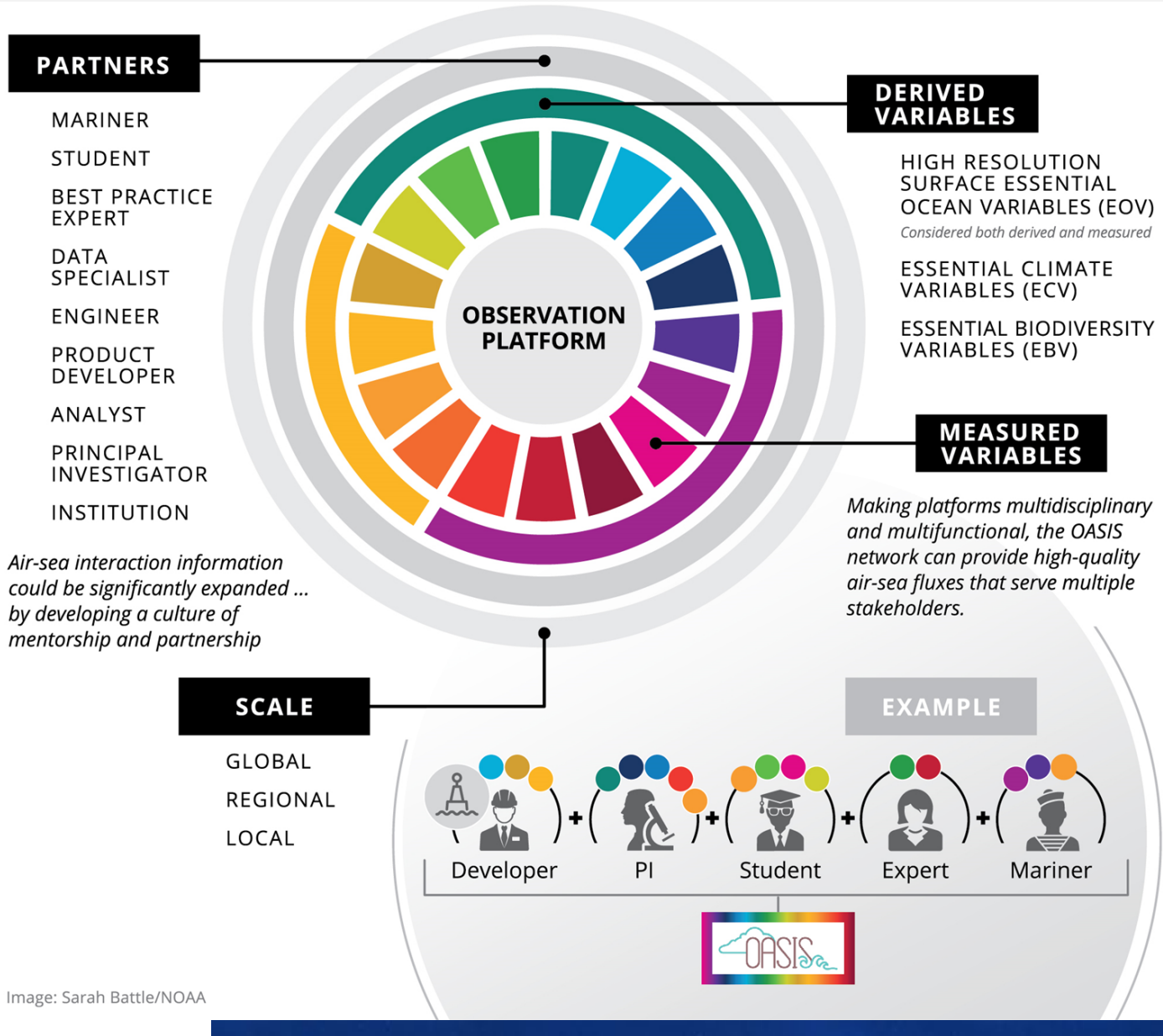
Right image below is Fig 2 from Cronin et al. 2023



Credit: Polar Glider, Gothenburg University, (c) Louise Biddle



2018 SOLAS summer school  
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# Grand Idea #1: Fill Gaps in GOOS

## An Emerging Uncrewed Surface Vehicle Network



Ruth Patterson  
(Australia)

“The endorsed UN Ocean Decade Project’s goal is to build an **Observing Air-Sea Interaction Strategy (OASIS) & Community of Practice** for this emerging **Uncrewed Surface Vehicle (USV) network**”

-- *Ruth Patterson (Australia)*  
*ECOP PI representing Emerging USV Network*

“Join our OASIS webinar series for developing a **Community of Practice** for the emerging **Uncrewed Surface Vehicle (USV) network**”

Patterson et al. Community of Practice paper in prep



GOOS The Global Ocean Observing System

OASIS

### Uncrewed Surface Vehicles for GOOS: A New Frontier for Observing and Monitoring at the Air-Sea Interface

OCG-15 Session, 13-17 May 2024  
ONC, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Ruth Patterson\*, Johan Edholm\*\*, Joana Beja, Meghan Cronin, Sebastiaan Swart, Adrienne Sutton, Dongxiao Zhang, Virginie Ramasco, Lionel Camus, Lev Looney\*\*, Leandro Ponsoni, Wieter Boon, Elizabeth McGeorge\*, Laurent Grare, Iwao Ueki, Marcel du Plessis\*, Greg Foltz, Jim Thomson, Luc Lenain, Jaime Palter, Chidong Zhang, Sarah Nicholson\*, Clive McMahon, Verena Hormann, James Burris, Makio Honda, Carey Kuhn, Calvin Mordy, Charles Addey\*\*, Akira Nagano, Elizabeth Siddle\*, Paban Bhuyan\*\*, Mike Flanigan, Cheyenne Steinbarger\*, Andreas Marouchos, Nick Rozenauers, Satoshi Mitarai, Alex Parker, Naoko Kosaka, David Peddie, Noriko Tada, Lars Hole, Sarah Nickford\*




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### Observing Air-Sea Interactions Strategy (OASIS) Webinar Series

A Community of Practice for the *emerging* Uncrewed Surface Vehicle (USV) Network for the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)

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Register to get link: <http://airseaobs.org/resources/webinars>

 <b>Michael B. Jones</b> (cofounder & Managing Partner of SubSeaSail LLC) Industry perspectives on the development of a USV platform for Scientific monitoring	 <b>Andy Ziegwied</b> (Vice President of Ocean Data, OceanAero Inc.) Is it a USV or an AUV? Industry perspectives on an uncrewed platform for both surface and subsea monitoring	 <b>Victor Turpin</b> (Technical Coordinator of Ocean Gliders Network, UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission) Coordinating the OceanGliders Program: An industry perspective	 <b>Ruth Patterson</b> (OASIS Webinar ECOP co-lead, Australia) Developing a Roadmap for the emerging USV Network
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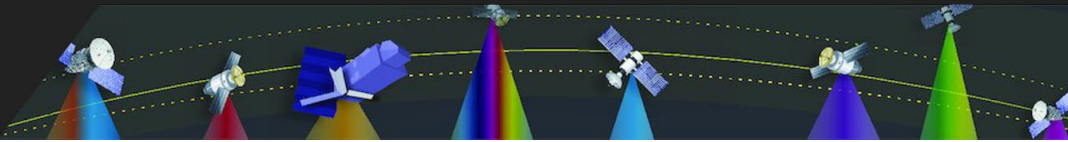
Thur 22 June 2023 07:00 Seattle/16:00 Berlin/22:00 Beijing | USV for GOOS Webinar #4

**Webinar Series:** [airseaobs.org/resources/webinars](http://airseaobs.org/resources/webinars)

## Emerging Opportunities for Air-Sea Fluxes from Space

Town Hall, Friday, 23 Feb. 2024, 12:45 CT  
Ocean Sciences Meeting 2024, Room 217-219

Organized by Sarah Gille (SIO)  
Moderated by Meghan Cronin (NOAA PMEL), co-chair of OASIS  
Overview of opportunities to optimize satellites for air-sea fluxes  
Discussion



*“Let’s continue this discussion at our weekly ‘OASIS Air-Sea Fluxes from Space’ webinar on Tuesdays 11 AM EST. Register to get the zoom link at <https://forms.gle/KjHQ7BvjHtJ97TjT6>.”*



-- Bia Villas Bôas (CSM, USA)

May 7, 2024 NASA announced the selection of four proposals for concept studies of missions to benefit humanity through the study of Earth science. including:

### The Ocean Dynamics and Surface Exchange with the Atmosphere (ODYSEA)

This satellite would simultaneously measure ocean surface currents and winds to improve our understanding of air-sea interactions and surface current processes that impact weather, climate, marine ecosystems, and human wellbeing. It aims to provide updated ocean wind data in less than three hours and ocean current data in less than six hours. The proposal is led by Sarah Gille at the University of California in San Diego

## Agenda

### I. Welcome: Objectives of town hall

- A. OASIS vision – Meghan Cronin, NOAA PMEL
- B. In situ air-sea fluxes (OOI & OceanSITES) – Jim Edson, WHOI

### II. Lightning talks

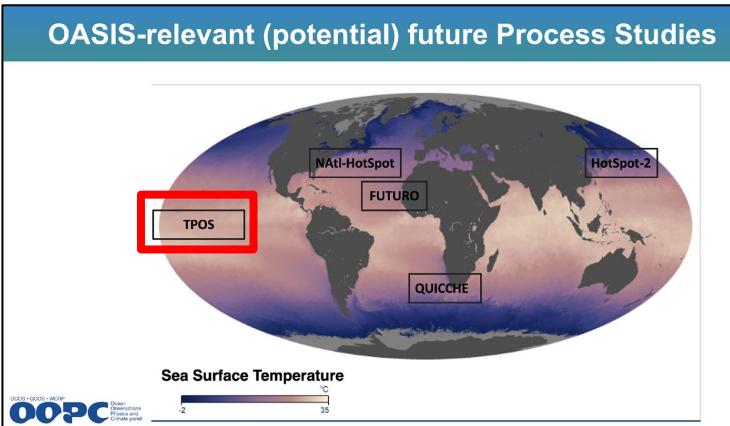
- A. Multiple satellites: Vector winds – Tony Lee, JPL
- B. CIMR: High resolution SST, winds, etc. – Fabrice Collard, Ocean Data Lab
- C. Butterfly: Turbulent buoyancy fluxes (future NASA) – Carol Anne Clayson, WHOI
- D. Harmony: Winds, currents, waves (ESA, launch in ~2029) – Paco Lopez Dekker, TU Delft
- E. SeaSTAR: Coastal & MIZ currents, winds, waves (seeking funding) – Christine Commenginger, NOC

- F. ODYSEA: Winds and currents (under review, NASA/CNES) – Sarah Gille, SIO

### III. Discussion: The big picture & community objectives.

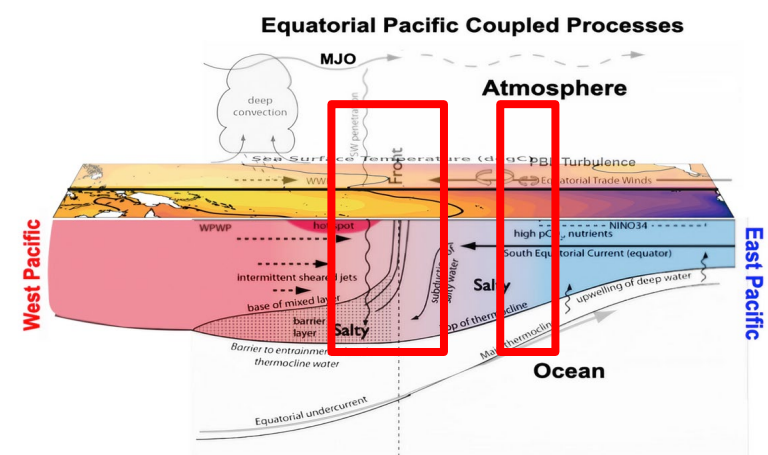
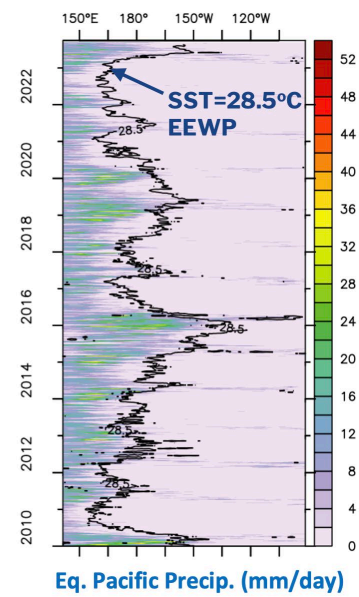
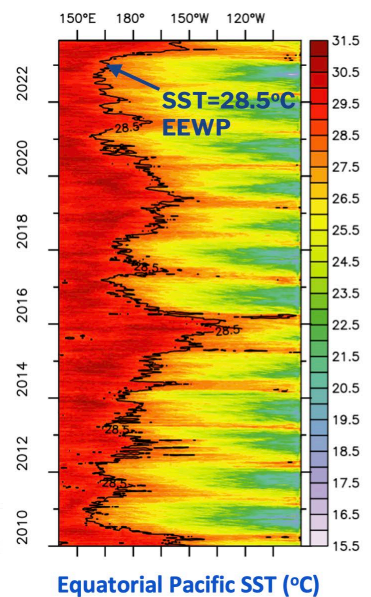


# Grand Idea #3: Improve Earth-System Models TPOS Equatorial Pacific Experiment (TEPEX)



Prediction of ENSO and its world impacts would be improved if we had a better understanding of physics governing:

- Zonal movement of the Eastern Edge of equatorial Pacific Warm Pool
- Equatorial Pacific upwelling & mixing



Current projects build upon previous investments to prepare for a field campaign.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
CVP-funded working group		Pre-field Modeling II and Planning				Field Campaign
Science Community	Lead science plan development, build international collaborations, engage agency program managers, leverage US CLIVAR and other organizing mechanisms, champion and build awareness and support in community					
NOAA Programs	Programs facilitate and coordinate funding, securing observational assets (with labs), coordinate international and interagency engagement and support with community					

Partnerships are vital to the Tropical Pacific Ocean process studies.

What are we working towards together?

Broad community and NOAA support for a science plan that has clear mutual benefits to participating nations

International partner engagement from the scientist to agency level to bring resources and observing assets to the field for research yielding outcomes

US federal agency awareness and participation in areas relevant to their missions

Saildrones (left) are equipped to measure ocean and weather variables. (NOAA)

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OASIS is working to help build international support for TEPEX



# OASIS Theory of Change: Partnership & Capacity Strengthening





# OASIS Theory of Change: Best Practices

**“The October 2024 OASIS sessions at the Ocean Best Practice Systems workshop will focus on (1) skin temperature observations and (2) surface radiation observations. Please register to come to these virtual workshop.”**

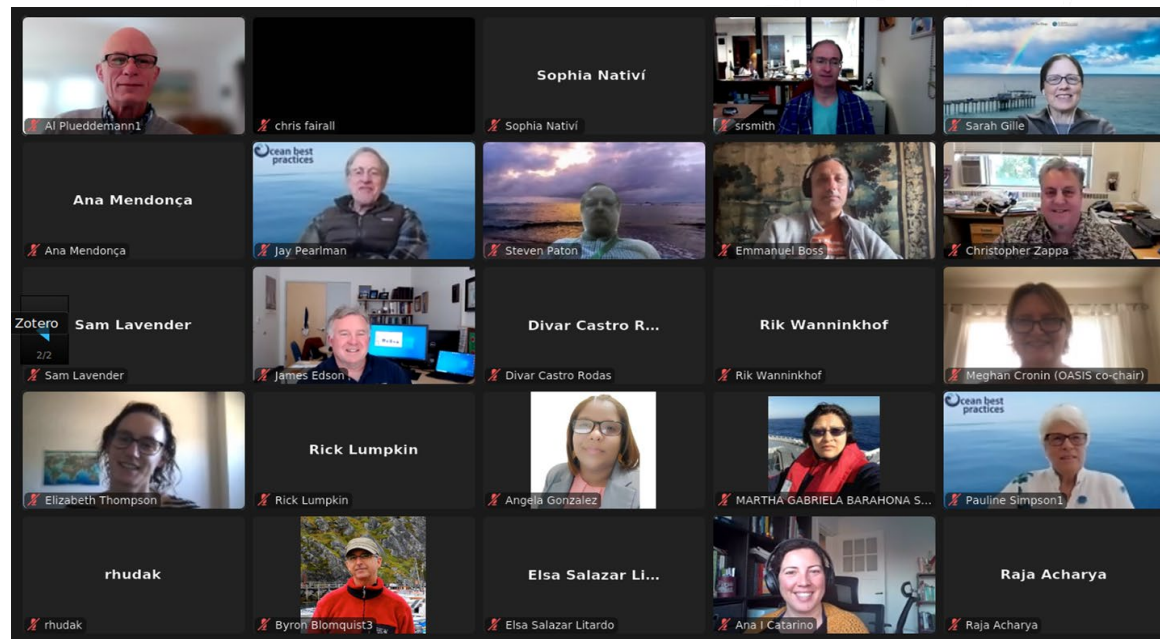
**-- Lucia Gutierrez Loza,  
Best Practice Theme Team  
ECOP co-lead**



**Lucia Gutierrez Loza  
(Norway)**

**Gutierrez Loza et al. (2024)  
Commentary MTSJ Decade issue**

**Riihimaki et al. (2024) Ocean Surface Radiation  
Measurement Best Practices**



**From Ocean Best Practice Systems (OBPS) Air-Sea Interactions workshop, held virtually 11 Oct 2022 at 0700 & 1600 UTC.**

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# OASIS Theory of Change: FAIR data

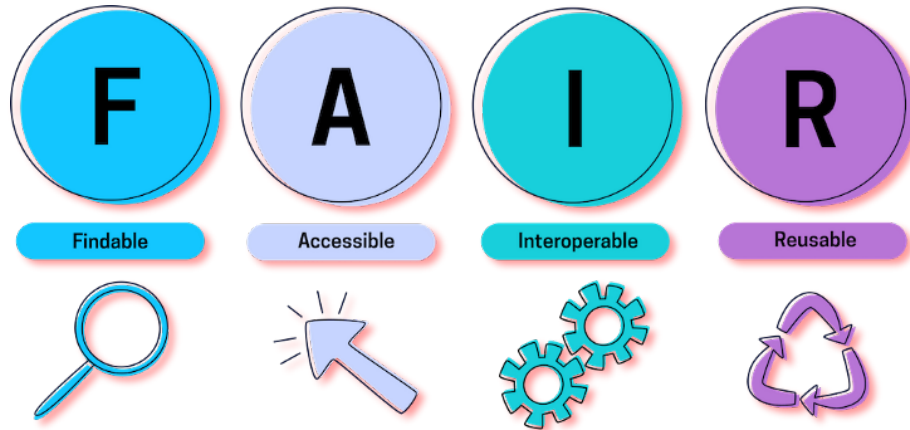


Image: Medium article "[Making Data F.A.I.R.](#)"

*"Our aim is to tackle the grand challenge of standardising air-sea flux terminology, making flux data products and open source code findable and accessible, and elevating the visibility from observation to user data."*

-- Marcel du Plessis  
FAIR data ECOP co-lead



github link for Discussion about adoption of CF standard names for flux variables:

<https://github.com/cf-convention/discuss/issues/206>

Compilation of Air-Sea Flux data products and toolboxes:

<https://airseaobs.org/FAIR-data>

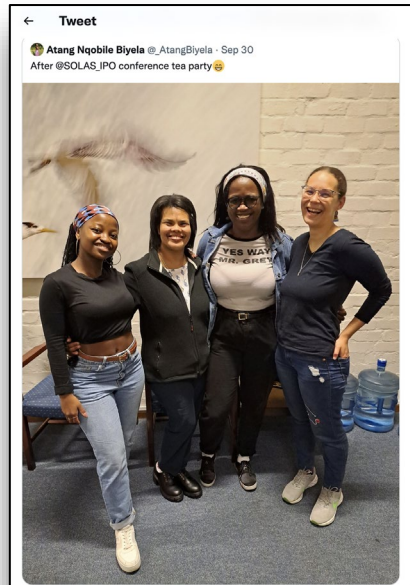
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OASIS - SOLAS Scholars from the Surface Ocean-Lower Atmosphere Studies (SOLAS) Open Science Conference in Cape Town South Africa, Sep 25-29, 2022