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General Agenda Outline

Community Forum on Ocean Observing

December 4-5, 2026

Marriott Marquis, San Francisco CA

In-person and virtual attendance

Friday, Dec 4th, 6-8pm: Opening Reception

- Keynote presentation delivered by **Dr. Lynne Talley, Scripps Institution of Oceanography.**

Saturday, Dec 5th, 9-5pm: Collaborative Conversations and Framework Development

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| 8:00 am | Check in, coffee, etc. |
| 9:00 am | Welcome, OOIFB Chair (broad agenda overview, goals, ground rules) |
| 9:15 am | <p>Opening panel with experts across from across the broad ocean observing system (e.g. IOOS, OOI, Argo, LTER, Seafloor sensing, ONC). The goal of this moderated panel discussion is to frame the collaborative discussions planned for the remainder of the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Why does ocean observing matter? What is the value of ocean observing?- What is the current status of these different programs?- What do stakeholders stand to lose if these larger ocean observing programs do not exist? |
| 10:30 am | BREAK |
| 10:50 am | <p>[Facilitated] Breakout Session I: Broad Brainstorming Session in response to a suite of focus questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After initial framing provided by the facilitator, groups will work together to respond to a series of questions/prompts provided in each breakout space. Questions provided will build from those asked through the DCL, but also frame key concepts the summary for stakeholders should address. |

>> Virtual attendees will participate as their own breakout group online

11:35 am	Debrief and group discussion
12:15 pm	LUNCH (provided on site)
1:15 pm	Post-lunch regroup
1:30pm	[Facilitated} Breakout Session II
2:10 pm	Breakout II debrief
2:40 pm	Breakout session III
3:25 pm	BREAK
3:45 pm	Breakout III debrief
4:10 pm	Group synthesis: connecting the conversations >> where was there consensus? >> where was their divergence? >> what community priorities have emerged?
5:00 pm	Closing remarks (next steps) and adjourn