



All-Atlantic Forum 2026 Salvador, Bahia

2026 All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance Forum

Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, 15–16 April 2026

2026 All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Week

Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, 13–17 April 2026

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I. Background

Brazil will host the **2026 All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance (AAORIA) Forum** in the vibrant coastal city of Salvador, Bahia, on 15–16 April 2026. The Forum is the Alliance’s flagship annual gathering, bringing together the Atlantic Community.

Building on the success of the previous Forums, the 2026 gathering will advance the [All-Atlantic Declaration](#) through ocean science international cooperation, and collaborative action.

It is hosted by the [Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation](#) and [SENAI CIMATEC](#), where the event will take place. The Forum aims to showcase AAORIA’s scientific coordination in addressing ocean challenges. It is also supported by the OKEANO Coordination and Support Action (CSA) and the Programa Maré de Ciência, among others.

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II. Overall 2026 All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Week Program

Full side-event information may be found at:

<https://allatlanticocean.org/all-atlantic-forums/2026-all-atlantic-forum/>

	Previous week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Main Forum		Friday
					Wednesday	Thursday	
Day	09–11–apr–26	12–abr–26	13–abr–26	14–abr–26	15–abr–26	16–abr–26	17–abr–26
AM – SENAI CIMATEC				Pixels/Hackathon/HLB-SC meeting/Ocean Technology Innovation			CIMATEC & CIMATEC PARK Visit
AM – Other Venues	AAORIA Summer School		Hackathon				
Lunch Break						HLB/SC meeting (if needed)	
Day	09–11–apr–26	12–abr–26	13–abr–26	14–abr–26	15–abr–26	16–abr–26	17–abr–26

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PM - SENAI CIMATEC				Coastal Resilience/Hackathon/SC meeting/Ocean Technology Innovation			
PM - Other Venues	AAORIA Summer School		Hackathon/ Bate-papo Atlântico	Integrated assessments of South Atlantic ecosystems			
Evening					Forum Social Gathering		
Foyer				All-Atlantic photo competition expo			

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III. Tuesday, 14 April 2026 – Side Events at SENAI CIMATEC

(All times in BRT)

Auditório	Format	AM	PM
1	Auditorium – with Hybrid cap.	From Pixels to Policy	All-Atlantic Network of Coastal Resilience Beacon Sites From Local to Global: Sharing Knowledge and Experiences
2	Auditorium	Ocean Technology Innovation: Sustainability and Applied Research for Robotics	
3	Cabaret	All-Atlantic Intergenerational Hackathon	
4	U-shaped or boardroom	HLB/SC	SC

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Tuesday, 14 April 2026			
Start	End	Dur.	Session
8:00	9:00	1:00	Arrival and registration
9:00	10:45	1:45	AM Sessions – Part I
10:45	11:15	0:30	BREAK
11:15	12:30	1:15	AM Sessions – Part II
12:30	14:00	1:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:00	15:30	1:30	PM Sessions – Part I
15:30	16:00	0:30	BREAK
16:00	17:30	1:30	PM Sessions – Part II
17:30	17:30	0:00	END OF DAY

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IV. Main Forum Program

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Day 1 – Wednesday, 15 April 2026				MC: Paulo Henrique Oliveira
Start	End	Dur.	Session	
8:00	9:00	1:00	Arrival and registration	
9:00	10:15	1:15	Welcome and Opening Session	Andrea Latgé Secretary for Strategic Policies and Programmes Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation – MCTI, Brazil Josiane Barbosa Superintendent of Education and Science, Board of Directors Member SENAI CIMATEC VIDEO SENAI CIMATEC Dalila Andrade Oliveira Director of Institutional, International Cooperation and Innovation National Council for Scientific and Technological Development – CNPq, Brazil Agustín Alberto Núñez Consul, Argentina James Morrison Director Healthy Planet European Commission, DG Research & Innovation , European Union

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Day 1 – Wednesday, 15 April 2026				MC: Paulo Henrique Oliveira
				Eirik Annexstad Director General Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, Department of Research and Innovation, Norway Imraan Patel Director-General for Research Developments and Support Department of Science, Technology and innovation, South Africa Anjali Goswami Chief Scientific Advisor Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – Defra, United Kingdom
10:15	10:45	0:30	Keynote address	Global Blue Mutirão Marinez Scherer Professor Federal University of Santa Catarina – UFSC, Brazil How are our coastal ecosystems in the Ocean Decade ??? Zelinda Leão Professor Federal University of Bahia – UFBA, Brazil
10:45	11:15	0:30	BREAK	
11:15	12:00	0:45	AAORIA in action: Ocean literacy and broadening engagement	Moderator: Camila Keiko Takahashi Coordinator of the Brazilian Ocean Literacy Alliance Federal University of São Paulo, Maré de Ciência – UNIFESP, Brazil Panel:

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Day 1 – Wednesday, 15 April 2026				MC: Paulo Henrique Oliveira
				William McClintock, University of California, Santa Barbara/ SeaSketch, USA Sigi Gruber, Blue Intergenerational Programme, European Union Justin Munyaneza, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada Kogie Govender, South African Environmental and Observation Network – SAEON, South Africa Dominika Wojcieszek, European Blue Schools, European Marine Science Educators Association, European Union
12:00	12:30	0:30	Our linkages with the polar seas	Moderator: Ronaldo Christofoletti Professor Federal University of São Paulo – UNIFESP, Brazil Panel: Dr Emmanuel Eresanya, Irish Climate Analysis and Research Units, Department of Geography, Maynooth University, Ireland Dr. Gaziza Konyssova Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI) Bremerhaven, Germany Dr. Karin Kroon Boxaspen Research Director, Institute of Marine Research, Norway
12:30	14:00	1:30	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00	14:30	0:30	Panel on supporting the future of AAORIA	Moderator: Leandro Pedron Director of Thematic Programs

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				Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation – MCTI, Brazil
				Panel: Thorsten Kiefer, Executive Director, JPI Oceans, European Union Oddur Mór Gunnarsson, CEO, Matis, Iceland
14:30	15:15	0:45	Blue Frontiers: Ocean Tech Insights from the Tropics to the Antarctic	Moderator: Jhielson Montino Pimentel SENAI-CIMATEC, Brazil Panel: Juan-Jaques Forgas Biodiversity Instrument Technician South African Environmental Observation Network – SAEON, South Africa Iago Gradin Senior Field Technician The Ocean Tracking Network – Dalhousie University, Canada Segen Estefen Managing Director National Institute for Ocean Research – INPO, Brazil Gisele Olímpio da Rocha Professor Federal University of Bahia (UFBA)

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Day 1 – Wednesday, 15 April 2026			MC: Paulo Henrique Oliveira
15:15	15:30	0:15	Project Highlight: Robots to protect coastal ecosystems and explore the oceans – SENAI CIMATEC
15:30	16:00	0:30	BREAK
16:00	16:45	0:45	AAORIA in action: New proposed activity areas Moderator: Roberto de Pinho Senior Science & Technology Analyst Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation – MCTI, Brazil Presentations: “Biodiversity conservation: From science to implementation of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)” Anna Kristín Daníelsdóttir, Matís, Iceland Iveta Aizbalte, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission “network Food Web Modelling (nFWM)” Eleonora Véron, National Scientific and Technical Research Council –Conicet, Argentina “Large Scale Experimental Research” Gérman García, Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas y Costeras (UNMDP-CONICET), Argentina
16:45	17:30	0:45	AAORIA in Action: Sustainable Blue Economy and Food from the Ocean – <i>Joint session AAORIA & UN Global Action Network on</i> Moderator: Karin Boxaspen Institute of Marine Research, Norway Juliana Antunes Galvão, University of São Paulo – USP, Brazil

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			<i>Aquatic Foods for Food Security and Nutrition</i> Karin Kroon Boxaspen, Institute of Marine Research – IMR, Norway William McClintock, University of California, Santa Barbara/ SeaSketch, USA Luis Henrique Poersch, Federal University of Rio Grande – FURG, Brazil Ana Carolina Sala Sousa Santos, Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture – MPA, Brazil
17:30	17:30	0:00	END OF DAY
18:00	20:00	2:00	Forum Social Gathering Welcome remarks: Niall McDonough Director of Policy, Innovation and Research Services Marine Institute, Ireland Special Cultural Presentation

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Day 2 – Thursday, 16 April 2026				MC: Barbara Pinheiro
Start	End	Dur.	Session	
9:00	9:05	0:05	Day 1 Highlights	Barbara Pinheiro
9:05	9:50	0:45	ECOP-led Session: Knowledge gaps of ocean science in the Atlantic	Moderator: Deniz Vural Alfred Wegener Institute, Germany Panel: Simão Lamba, University of Namibe, Angola Peter Teye Busumprah, Ocean Rock Base, Ghana João Vitor Mendes, SENAI CIMATEC, Brazil Raquel Renó de Oliveira, INPO, Brazil
9:50	10:35	0:45	AAORIA in action: Ocean Observation and Modelling	Moderator: Steven Thur National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – NOAA, USA Panel: Jethan D'hotman, South African Environmental Observation Network – SAEON, South Africa Mari Fjalstad Jensen, Institute of Marine Research – IMR, Norway Ben Moat, National Oceanography Center – NOC, United Kingdom Maria Paz Chidichimo, National Scientific and Technical Research Council – Conicet, Argentina Thorsten Kiefer, Executive Director, JPI Oceans, European Union
10:35	11:05	0:30	BREAK	
11:05	11:15	0:10	Project Highlight: “Mission Atlantic” project	Marinez Scherer Professor Federal University of Santa Catarina – UFSC, Brazil

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Day 2 – Thursday, 16 April 2026			MC: Barbara Pinheiro
11:15	11:45	0:30	Panel Promoting Circular, Sustainable and Inclusive Ocean Economies Moderator: Thauan Santos Professor Naval War College – EGN, Brazil Panel: Nicole du Plessis, South African Environmental Observation Network – SAEON, South Africa Alan Haynie, General Secretary, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea – ICES, European Union
11:45	12:30	0:45	AAORIA in action: Coastal Resilience – From Local to Global, Sharing Knowledge and Experiences Moderator: James Morrison, European Commission, European Union Martin Zimmer, Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research – ZMT Presentation: Caroline Fassina, Santos Technology Park Panel: Caroline Fassina, Santos Technology Park Marko Tosic, UNESCO–IOCARIBE Max Gruenig, Georgetown University, USA Eleonora Véron, National Scientific and Technical Research Council – Conicet, Argentina Alexandra–Sophie Roy, KDM – OKEANO
12:30	14:00	1:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:00	14:10	0:10	Project Highlight: Atlantic-scale coordination to map seafloor marine life Kerry Howell, Professor of Deep Sea Ecology, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, United Kingdom
14:10	14:45	0:35	Salvador Intergenerational Hackathon Award Ceremony Moderators: OKEANO Intergenerational Team and Sigi Gruber Hackathon Teams pitch

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14:45	15:20	0:30	Sailing to Rio: the 2027 Ocean Decade Conference	Moderator: Leandro Pedron Director of Thematic Programs Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation – MCTI, Brazil Panel: Marko Tosic, UNESCO-IOCARIBE Ronaldo Christofolletti, Professor, Federal University of São Paulo – UNIFESP, Brazil Marinez Scherer, Professor, Federal University of Santa Catarina – UFSC, Brazil
15:20	15:30	0:10	Look ahead to the 2027 AAORIA Forum	Anjali Goswami Chief Scientific Advisor Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – Defra, United Kingdom
15:30	16:05	0:30	BREAK	
16:05	16:15	0:10	Project Highlight: Ocean Tracking Network: 18 years of collaborative aquatic animal tracking across the globe	Iago Gradin Senior Field Technician Ocean Tracking Network – OTN, Dalhousie University, Canada
16:15	16:45	0:30	AAORIA Supporters	Moderator: Justin Munyaneza Director of the Office of International Science, Partnership, and Collaboration Fisheries and Oceans, Canada Presentations: Martin Zimmer, Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research – ZMT, European Union Miguel Miranda, Atlantic International Research Centre – Air Centre, European Union
16:45	17:15	0:30	ECOP-Led Session: Think global, act local: Youth-led solutions for coastal cities	Moderator: Pedro Dantas Oxean Hub

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Day 2 – Thursday, 16 April 2026				MC: Barbara Pinheiro
				Opening: Pedro Dantas –Oxean Hub Presentations: Youth-Led Small-Scale Fisheries, Jasleen Jawanda, Canada Ocean Ride, Genilson Brito, Oxean Hub, Brazil Ocean Surface Currents for Coastal Applications, Julio Donfack, Cameroon Smart Coastal Model & Blue Finance, Emeka Paul Nwatu, Nigeria INSPIRE: From Source to Sea, Garry Kett, CIMAR, Ireland / Portugal Dynamic Dialogue, Maria Luíza Bulcão & Panelists Closing Remarks, Pedro Dantas
17:15	17:25	0:10	All-Atlantic photo competition: A Celebration of Culture and Communities winners	Tania Li Chen Atlantic International Research Centre – Air Centre, European Union
17:25	17:45	0:20	Closing remarks	Andrea Latgé Secretary for Strategic Policies and Programmes Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation – MCTI, Brazil
17:45	17:45	0:00	END OF DAY	

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V. Keynote speakers, moderator and ECOP-Lead sessions bios

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Marinez Scherer, holds a PhD in Marine Sciences, is a professor at the Federal University of Santa Catarina (Brazil) and the Special Envoy for the Ocean for the COP30 Presidency. She is also the co-chair of the IOC/UNESCO Working Group on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management.

Prof. **Zelinda Leão**, born in Jaguaquara, Bahia, in 1934, is a pioneer of Brazilian geosciences and marine studies. The first woman in her family to attend university, she graduated in Natural History from the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA) in 1958, specialized in Micropaleontology in Paris, and earned a master's degree in Geosciences at UFBA. She completed her PhD at the University of Miami with research on the Abrolhos reefs and became Brazil's first woman scientific diver. A retired UFBA professor, she remains active as a guest professor, researcher, mentor, and national and international representative. A full member of the Bahia Academy of Sciences since 2011, she was honored in 2024 as Emeritus Biologist, Senior Inspiration Researcher by the UNESCO Ocean Chair, and Emeritus Professor at UFBA. Her research on reef geology, natural processes, and anthropogenic impacts underpinned the creation of reef conservation units.

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MCs, MODERATORS AND SINGLE PRESENTER SESSIONS BIOS

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Andrea Latgé is Secretary of Strategic Policies and Programs at Brazil's Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI). A physics professor and researcher at Universidade Federal Fluminense, she is a full member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences and serves on the Council of the Brazilian Physical Society, internationally recognized.

Professor **Anjali Goswami** is Chief Scientific Adviser for the UK's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Director General for Science, Data and Analysis. An evolutionary biologist by background, she is an Honorary Professor at UCL, former Dean at the Natural History Museum, former President of the Linnean Society of London, and a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Barbara Pinheiro is a post doc Researcher at Federal University of São Paulo, executive secretary member at Women's league for the ocean, member of the National Ocean Decade Committee and the Black Women in Ecology, Evolution and Marine Science, or as she says – a Mermaid, scientist and JEDI.

Camila Keiko Takahashi has over 15 years of experience in the environmental and educational sectors. Currently, she serves as the Coordinator of the Brazilian Ocean Literacy Alliance and the South Atlantic Regional Coordinator of the Blue School Global Network. She holds an MBA in ESG and a Master's in Water and Coastal Management.

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Deniz Vural is an environmental scientist and polar researcher pursuing a PhD at the Alfred Wegener Institute in Germany, where she studies permafrost-affected Arctic coasts. Her work combines geospatial analysis, remote sensing, and field research to better understand polar environments and climate change.

Iago Gradin is an oceanographer with an advanced diploma in Oceans Technology, acting as a Senior Field Technician with the Ocean Tracking Network (OTN), an aquatic research, data management, and partnership platform headquartered at Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS, Canada. Iago participates in all aspects of OTN's field operations, from oceanographic mooring deployments and maintenance to remotely operated vehicles missions.

James Morrison is the Director of the “Healthy Planet” directorate at the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Research and Innovation. He is the Deputy Mission Manager for the EU Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters”.

Dr. **Jhielson Montino Pimentel** is a robotics expert with a PhD from the University of Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt University. Following international R&D experience in the UK and Portugal, he specializes in autonomous robots, human-robot interaction and neurorobotics. He currently serves as Lead Robotics Engineer at SENAI CIMATEC, where he directs advanced innovation and interdisciplinary teams.

Justin Munyaneza is the Director of the Office of International Science, Partnership, and Collaboration at Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Justin holds a Law Degree from the University of Ottawa.

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Dr. **Karin Kroon Boxaspen** is Research Director at the Institute of Marine Research (IMR) for the R&D project portfolio. She coordinates the advisory processes (exl ICES) advising Norwegian government and underlying departments on harvestable marine living resources, sustainable aquaculture, safe and healthy seafood and ecosystems. She is an international expert in salmon lice, specializing in biology, treatments and critical hydrodynamic – biological coupled dispersal models.

Professor **Kerry Howell** is a leading expert in deep-sea ecology at the University of Plymouth and Plymouth Marine Laboratory. She is co-lead of the Challenger 150 Programme, and has dedicated her career to the conservation and sustainable management of deep-sea ecosystems through over two decades of global research.

Leandro Pedron is Director at MCTI, Brazil. With a background in Pharmacy and Law, he leads national R&D initiatives in ocean, Antarctic, health and bioeconomy sciences. Specialized in Intellectual Property and currently pursuing an MBA in ESG, he advances policies linking science, innovation and international cooperation to socioeconomic impact.

Dr. **Lucas Cruz** da Silva Received his B.Sc. (2009), M.Eng. (2013) and Dr.Eng. (2020) degrees in Electrical Engineering from Federal University of Bahia (UFBA), Brazil. He works at SENAI CIMATEC (Salvador, Brazil) since 2013, currently at the Robotics Department, as Technical Leader of soft robotics projects for industrial clients. He is also a lecturer in undergraduate and graduate courses in the areas Robotics and digital signal processing. Lucas has over 15 years of experience in R&D projects, and his main research and development topics include underwater robotics, soft robotics, embedded systems, machine learning and digital signal processing.

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Dr **Niall McDonough** is Director of Policy, Innovation and Research Support Services at the Marine Institute. A marine biologist by training, he has held senior roles in marine research, policy and international cooperation in Ireland and Europe including Executive Director of the European Marine Board and Chair of JPI Oceans. Niall leads strategic work supporting marine research, innovation and funding at national and international level, and is the Coordinator of the OKEANO CSA, supporting the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance.

Paulo Henrique Reis de Oliveira is the coordinator of the Center for Studies in the Law of the Sea at the University of São Paulo (CEDMAR/USP). He was a Nippon Fellow at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. PhD candidate in international and comparative law at the University of São Paulo.

Pedro Dantas is affiliated with Oxean Hub, an innovation hub focused on ocean sustainability and the Blue Economy. He works at the interface of science, technology, and community engagement, facilitating dialogue and collaborative solutions for ocean challenges.

Roberto de Pinho is a Senior Science and Technology Analyst at the Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. A USP Ph.D. in Computer Science, he has shaped global policy through collaborations with the OECD, UNESCO and the UN and formerly served as Deputy Secretary of STI for Bahia. He specializes in STI indicators, bibliometrics, and science and technology foresight.

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Ronaldo Christofolletti is a professor at the Federal University of São Paulo, coordinator of the Maré de Ciência Program, executive secretary of the Brazilian Ocean Literacy Alliance, co-chair of the Strategic Communication Group for the UNESCO Ocean Decade, member of the UNESCO Ocean Literacy for All Program and president of the UNESCO IOC Expert Group on Ocean Literacy.

Sigi Gruber is a retired European Commission (EC) official with over 30 years' experience in European Union (EU) education, research, and international cooperation programmes. Former Head of Unit at the EC with recognised expertise in EU marine research policy and science-policy integration. Still active as 'Active Senior for the EC - amongst others - in intergenerational learning and capacity-building initiatives supporting the Implementation of AAORIA and the Ocean Pact.

Dr. **Steve Thur** is NOAA's assistant administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research and Acting Chief Scientist. He oversees the operations of ten laboratories and six programs in the NOAA Research enterprise.

Tânia Li Chen is a Researcher and Project Officer in the Ocean Policy Group at the Atlantic International Research Centre (AIR Centre), working on ocean sustainability, aquaculture, and ecosystem restoration projects. She holds a PhD in Environmental and Genetic Toxicology and has broad experience in science communication and international collaboration.

Thauan Santos is an Associate Professor in the Graduate Program in Maritime Studies at the Brazilian Naval War College and Coordinator of the Ocean Economy Group. Economist trained at UFRJ, with postdoctoral research in Blue Economy (USA) and Economics (University of Bologna, Italy). Member of UN DOALOS and GOAP pool of experts.

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Emeka Paul Nwatu is an eco-entrepreneur working on environmental and socioeconomic challenges in the Niger Delta, Nigeria. His work proposes a Smart Coastal Model integrating AI-based governance, environmental sensing, and Blue Economy financing mechanisms to support resilient coastal infrastructure.

Deniz Vural is an environmental scientist and polar researcher pursuing a PhD at the Alfred Wegener Institute in Germany, where she studies permafrost-affected Arctic coasts. Her work combines geospatial analysis, remote sensing, and field research to better understand polar environments and climate change.

Genilson Brito is co-founder of Oxean Hub, an innovation hub promoting ocean conservation and Blue Economy development through education, technology, and culture. He is the creator of the Ocean Ride project, a NASA Space Apps Challenge Global Award-winning solution for microplastic collection.

Garry Kett is a researcher at CIIMAR focusing on the science-policy-society interface. His work within the Horizon Europe INSPIRE project addresses urban river-to-sea microplastic pollution through technology deployment and stakeholder collaboration.

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Jasleen Jawanda is an environmental researcher with experience in both Atlantic and Arctic coastal communities. Her work focuses on mobilizing youth and funding mechanisms to support sustainable small-scale fisheries and climate monitoring programs for food security and resilience.

João Vitor Mendes is a Robotics Engineer at SENAI CIMATEC, Brazil. He holds a BSc in Electrical Engineering at the University SENAI CIMATEC and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Mechatronics at UFBA (Federal University of Bahia), focusing on learning-based control for marine robotics operating under ocean disturbances.

Julio Donfack is an oceanographer and researcher focusing on the African coast. He uses satellite altimetry, drifting buoys, and open data to reconstruct ocean surface currents, applying these tools to challenges such as pollution tracking and maritime safety.

Maria Luíza Bulcão is a PhD candidate in Physical Oceanography at the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA), Brazil. Her research focuses on oceanographic data analysis, climate variability, and numerical modeling, with experience in metocean data processing and ADCP/CTD data.

Pedro Dantas is affiliated with Oxean Hub, an innovation hub focused on ocean sustainability and the Blue Economy. He works at the interface of science, technology, and community engagement, facilitating dialogue and collaborative solutions for ocean challenges.

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Raquel Renó de Oliveira is a marine biogeochemistry researcher with focus on CO₂ fluxes between ocean and atmosphere. Currently she works as a science and innovation advisor at INPO. She is a member of Surface Ocean Lower Atmosphere Study (SOLAS) Early Career Scientist Committee, and also a member of the International Carbon Ocean Network for Early Career from the Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network (GOA-ON).

Peter Teye Busumprah is the founder of Ocean Rock Base and leads the African Ocean Biodiversity Atlas initiative. His work focuses on community-led mobile technologies to map marine biodiversity across multiple African countries, promoting inclusive ocean data systems.

Simão Antonovich Lamba is a researcher at the University of Namibe, Angola. His work focuses on the Southeast Atlantic fisheries sector, particularly the size composition and catch dynamics of pelagic species in the Angolan Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

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