

Assistant Coordinator of International Programmes for Ocean Observations and Prediction – W/M

Fixed-term contract with a defined
purpose – Full time position

How to apply:

Send your cover letter and a detailed CV with the
following reference 2023-02/DS/ACPIOPO
To recruitment@mercator-ocean.fr

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About the job:

We are looking for an Assistant Coordinator of International Programmes for Ocean Observations and prediction W/M to contribute to international and European ocean observation and prediction coordination activities carried out by Mercator Ocean International. The position is a fixed term contract with a defined purpose for a minimum of 24 months.

In this context, you will work within the Scientific Direction of Mercator Ocean International to:

1) provide scientific and technical coordination support to OceanPredict international program activities, including:

- Keeping Members informed about the activities of OceanPredict
- Facilitating and supporting the OceanPredict Science Team (OPST) and Task Teams (TT) in their various activities including in the monitoring of progress and achievements
- Organising OceanPredict events (meetings, symposiums, summer schools)
- Supporting the promotion of OceanPredict by providing information about OceanPredict achievements through
 - developing, maintaining, and updating the OceanPredict website
 - distributing material on OceanPredict and OPST & TT publications
 - Preparing and publishing OceanPredict reports
- Promoting the practical benefits and objectives of OceanPredict among the operational and research communities (e.g., brochures, newsletters, etc.)
- Managing OceanPredict budget and review of financial situation

2) provide scientific and technical support for MOi's European coordination activities dealing with the use and impact of ocean observations for ocean prediction and digital twin ocean, including:

- Reviewing and synthesizing scientific studies dealing with observing system evaluation and observing system simulation experiments.
- Contributing to the definition of best practices for observing system evaluation and simulation experiments.
- Organizing workshops with ocean observing (EOOS) and modelling (Copernicus Marine, European Digital Twin Ocean) communities to define/update ocean observation requirements.
- Synthesizing corresponding ocean observation requirements.

Assets to succeed include:

You have a PhD or Master's degree in oceanography with a good understanding of ocean observations, modelling and data assimilation, forecasting, and applications.

You have a minimum of 5 years of experience in oceanography (including PhD) and experience in management / monitoring of scientific or technical projects.

You have a good knowledge

- of operational oceanography, ocean prediction and the global ocean observing system.
- of the international organizations and programmes in ocean observation, forecasting, and information services.

You have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, you are fluent in English (speak, read, write) with the ability to animate and lead international groups in English, including regular communications, public presentations, and reporting in a timely manner.

You can work well with multidisciplinary teams (research, production, communication) and build and maintain effective professional working relationships with colleagues across the organization and externally, particularly in an international team and inter-cultural context on issues of global ocean policy and large-scale ocean observations and predictions.

You are able and willing to travel internationally to attend international programmes events

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Who are we?

Mercator Ocean International has been a pioneer in operational oceanography activities for nearly 25 years through its public service mission to preserve the ocean. Many scientific and societal challenges need to be met to ensure a sustainable ocean, whether they relate to the environment, biodiversity, climate change, the blue economy or education. To meet these challenges, we are required to constantly and in real time describe, analyze and forecast the state of the global ocean using reliable numerical models, then make this information relevant and accessible to all — whether public or commercial services, manufacturers, policy makers, associations, NGOs, teachers or citizens.

Mercator Ocean International thus combines scientific excellence and social commitment on a daily basis. As a non-profit company under multinational governance (ES, FR, GB, IT, NO), we work in a climate of trust with our nine shareholding partners, all key players in the development of European oceanography. Mercator Ocean International has been conducting the Copernicus Marine Service since 2014 on behalf of the European Union. Copernicus Marine offers free, open access to scientifically validated operational information on the ocean to several thousand subscribers worldwide. To this end, the company coordinates a unique network of around 100 partners in Europe specializing in Earth observation and ocean forecasting.

Based in Toulouse in South-West France, the company's 100 or so contributors are all committed to achieving the United Nations' sustainable development goals.