



GOAP Ocean Accounts Fellowship Program: A Pathway to Leading Ocean Accounting in Your Region

About the Program

The Ocean Accounts Fellowship Program is a flagship initiative of the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership (GOAP) that brings together skilled practitioners from across Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean to advance ocean accounting and sustainable ocean governance. With over 40 active fellows representing government agencies, universities, research institutions, and non-governmental organisations, the program has established a vibrant global community working to develop and implement locally-driven, ocean accounting work across geographies and institutional settings.

Who Can Apply: We welcome professionals at all career stages and from diverse institutional backgrounds, including government agencies, academic institutions, research institutions, non-governmental organisations, and regional entities. We particularly encourage applications from underrepresented regions and actively seek to build gender-balanced cohorts and ensure accessibility for fellows with diverse needs and circumstances.

Program Length and Time Commitment: Fellowships typically run for 12-24 months. The time commitment varies based on your role and project, but fellows generally dedicate 2-5 days per week to fellowship activities alongside their existing professional responsibilities.

Many fellows integrate their fellowship work directly into their current job roles (e.g., as part of government duties, academic research, or organisational projects), while others balance it as a dedicated commitment. Your assigned GOAP advisor will work with you to ensure the time commitment is realistic and sustainable within your circumstances.

Why Become a GOAP Fellow?

- **Drive Policy Impact:** Position your research and work to directly shape how ocean accounting is integrated into national and regional strategies, policies, and planning processes. Many fellows work directly with government decision-makers and contribute to environmental policy development that affects real ocean governance outcomes in your country.
- **Lead in a Growing Field:** Establish yourself as a recognised expert in ocean accounting at a time when global momentum for this work is accelerating. Your contributions to methodology development, implementation innovations, and knowledge products will be amplified through GOAP's global platform, building your professional reputation and opening doors to future opportunities.
- **Access a Global Network:** Build genuine professional relationships with peers across your region and globally who share your commitment to sustainable ocean management. These connections often create opportunities for ongoing collaboration.

What You'll Receive as a GOAP Fellow



- **Dedicated Mentorship and Technical Guidance:** Each fellow is assigned a GOAP Secretariat advisor who provides regular one-on-one consultations, technical reviews of your work, and connections to subject-matter experts. Your advisor helps shape your project implementation, troubleshoot challenges, and ensure your work remains grounded in international standards and best practices.
- **Structured Learning and Training:** Access the GOAP Online Education Series covering ocean accounting fundamentals, and participate in monthly GOAP Webinar Series sessions featuring technical training, methodology discussions, expert panels, and peer learning.
- **Community and Peer Learning:** Engage with your Regional Community of Practice to exchange ideas with fellows in similar contexts. Participate in thematic working groups aligned with your expertise, enabling cross-regional collaboration. Opportunities for co-authorship, joint project development, peer review, and informal support create a vibrant learning culture.
- **Technical Resources and Tools:** Access a comprehensive Technical Resource Library with guidance documents, analytical frameworks, datasets, and tools to support your ocean accounting work.
- **Visibility and Professional Recognition:** Present your work through GOAP Impact Series features, quarterly newsletters, webinar presentations, and other communication channels. Develop a professional profile on the GOAP website and gain recognition for your contributions to advancing ocean accounting globally.

What's Expected from You

- **Define Your Project:** You bring your own focus and priorities to the fellowship. Working with your GOAP advisor, you will develop a project aligned with your role, interests, and spheres of influence. You have significant autonomy in shaping your project within the framework of ocean accounting principles.
- **Participate Actively:** Engage regularly with your GOAP advisor through scheduled meetings; contribute to your Regional Community of Practice through participation in meetings and knowledge exchange events; connect with other fellows working on complementary topics; and participate in thematic working groups where relevant to your work.
- **Produce Tangible Outputs:** Depending on your project, expected outputs may include knowledge products (technical papers, policy briefs, expert insights, or training materials), training sessions or webinars you facilitate, presentations at regional or national forums, or contributions to GOAP guidance documents. Your GOAP advisor will clarify specific output expectations for your individual fellowship during onboarding.
- **Participate in Program Monitoring:** Complete quarterly progress reports documenting achievements, challenges, and next steps in your work. You will also be required to complete pre-, mid-, and end-of-program evaluation surveys.
- **Build Capacity Beyond Your Role:** Share your knowledge and expertise with colleagues and institutions in your country, creating a multiplier effect. This might involve informal mentoring, training delivery, or supporting others to apply ocean accounting approaches.

Ready to apply? For information about current application timelines, selection criteria, and to submit your application, visit www.oceanaccounts.org/ocean-accounts-fellows/ or contact the GOAP Secretariat at info@oceanaccounts.org