



EMODnet



European Marine
Observation and
Data Network

Inauguration of the EMODnet Secretariat Office

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UNESCO-IODE Auditorium, InnovOcean Site, Ostend (Belgium)

Provisional Programme

- 17:30** **Start of the Inauguration**
- 17:30-17:35** **Welcome by the Hosting Institute**
Prof. Jan Mees, *Director of the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)*
- 17:35-17:45** **Flemish Government support to EMODnet**
Dirk Van Melkebeke, *Secretary General of the Department of Economy, Science and Innovation (EWI) of the Flemish Government*
- 17:45-17:55** **Marine Knowledge 2020 and the importance of EMODnet**
Lowri Evans, *Director General of the European Commission Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*
- 17:55-18:05** **Importance and international dimensions of marine observation and data acquisition, processing and management**
Wendy Watson-Wright, *Assistant Director General and Executive Secretary, UNESCO, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (TBC)*
- 18:05-18:15** **The European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) and its Secretariat**
Prof. Phil Weaver, *EMODnet Secretariat, Managing Director of Seascope Consultants*
- 18:10** **Official Inauguration**
Unveiling of EMODnet Secretariat Office inaugural plaque and photo moment
- 18:20** **Buffet-Reception**
- 20.30** **End of Reception**