

★ 1st SynObs WS committee meeting : Notes (1)

1. Workshop Title

- We decided the tentative workshop title as follows:

Toward Codesigning Sustainable and Fit-for-purpose Observing Systems

-- SynObs & Ocean Observing Codesign International Workshop 2026 --

- But we will revisit the title after we decide the general purposes and outcomes.

2. The call of abstracts should be moved about one month earlier than I suggested, and the registration will be started one month later. My suggestion of the new schedule is as follows:

Late Dec. : 1st Announcement

Late. Feb : open the Call of abstracts (2nd Announcement)

Early Apri. : Registration Open, Close the call of abstract

Mid April : Evaluation of abstracts.

Late April : Inform the acceptance of the abstracts. Open the tentative program

Late May : Close the registration for the in-person participation

Early June : Request participants to submit required information for visa applicant.

late June : Issue the invitation letter for visa applicant, and open the final program

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3. We seek the collaboration with CLIVAR (GSOP and Indian Ocean Regional Panel)
4. LOC will discuss the possibility to have a shared session with the summer school
5. We will seek collaboration with the OSM2026 Co-design&SynObs session.
6. It will be great if we can provide the workshop report to the S2S meeting in September.
7. We have several comments on the general purpose of the workshop. We will discuss the purpose and outcomes next two meetings.
8. (To codesign people) Please inform me the possibility of having splinter or business meetings. LOC needs the information for securing the rooms. The current room plan is attached.

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9. To all SOC members

- We expect SOC members to participate in the workshop in person. However, we can prepare travel support only for a few members. If there is a possibility you request travel support, please contact me as early as possible.
- LOC plan to collect participation fees for the side events (Probably around 10,000 yen). **Is it OK to collect the participation fee by (Japanese) cash at the venue** (Collecting money using credit cards via. Internet requires the cost similar to what we need to collect!)
- Hotels will be generally booked by LOC. (The hotel capacity of Mutsu is small!)
- The access to Mutsu city is not good. It takes 2 hours by local train (and 1.5 hours by cars) from the nearest airport and the Shinkansen Station to the city. The local train is often crowded. We plan to arrange transportation (buses or shared cars) between the airport or the station and Mutsu, but it may be much more expensive than local train.