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## The Ocean Science Days in the Cape

Cape Town, South Africa, 23 to 26 October 2018

Over the past decade, the Marine Research Institute (Ma-Re) at the University of Cape Town has established a strong and successful international partnership in ocean sciences with France through the International Joint Laboratory ICEMASA, and Norway through the Nansen-Tutu Centre (NTC). To celebrate the successful conclusion of ICEMASA mandate in 2018, while Ma-Re and NTC are continuing, it looks appropriate to showcase the major progress in ocean sciences, which have been accomplished through and facilitated by this tripartite international collaboration. It is also timely to reflect on new directions for ocean science research in the decade to come.

The **Ocean Science Days in the Cape** are designed to serve this purpose. This event will take place over 3 days:

Opening: Tuesday 23 October, 2 pm

Closure: Friday 26 October, 1 pm.

Presentations by invited and selected speakers will focus on the themes that were central to the international partnership: Marine, atmosphere, biogeochemistry and climate interactions; Ecosystem, fishery and interdisciplinary research; Operational Oceanography.

On Friday 26 morning, an interactive session will be organized to allow all participants and stakeholders to debate on the scientific and technological challenges and groundbreaking ideas relevant to ocean sciences in Africa. The outcomes of the discussions would potentially assist in the development of a science plan for a new scientific venture between Europe and South Africa.

Please diarize this event and get ready for the opening of the call for applications in May 2018. The participation to the event will be open to everyone interested to the field of ocean sciences and at no cost. Please send a mail to [francis.marsac@ird.fr](mailto:francis.marsac@ird.fr) for further queries.