



Dear POGO Consortium, dear Colleagues,

It is our honour and great pleasure to invite you to the next POGO-20 Annual Meeting from January 22-24 which will be hosted by both our institutes, INDP and GEOMAR, at the Ocean Science Centre Mindelo.

The joint cooperation of GEOMAR and INDP has been very successful over the past years with respect to training of the next generation of ocean experts and ocean observers. Many of our current experienced team members received POGO and other fellowships for extended stays in Kiel and Bermuda, thus contributing to the global picture of ocean observations.

By hosting the next annual meeting, we hope to strongly support POGO in underpinning and pursuing its mission to create a global ocean community “to advance understanding of the ocean and its wise use for the benefit of all humankind and to have, by 2030, world-wide cooperation for a sustainable, state-of-the-art global ocean observing system that serves the needs of science and society”.

Bringing the POGO consortium to Cabo Verde, we are confident that we can increase the awareness of POGO in West Africa and help to promote POGO’s aim to embrace African institutions. The accession of INDP as a new member to the POGO consortium will bring a regional perspective to our discussions to close gaps and strengthen networks and relationships. We are continuing to pursue this path.

We look forward to welcoming you in Cabo Verde at the Ocean Science Centre Mindelo and hope for a fruitful and inspiring POGO-20 Annual Meeting.

Yours sincerely

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President of INDP

