

Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)

16th meeting, 21-22 April 2026

Conference room Atlantic & Pacific, Building 5, GEOMAR premises

Agenda

Tuesday, 21 April 2026	
09:00-09:30	Internal meeting of the SAB
09:30-10:30	Director's report - Katja Matthes
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-13:00	World Café on strategic themes (moderation: Marie Becker) Impulse presentations 10' • Strategic approach to artificial intelligence – Sören Lorenz 10' • Steering strategic international partnerships in a changing geo-political landscape – Başak Kısakürek 10' • Inter- and transdisciplinary research to increase societal impact – Maike Nicolai and Nadine Mengis 10' Café Etiquette - Marie Becker 75' World Café Discussions: 3 x 25' rounds
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:00	World Café results (moderation: Marie Becker) Presentation (5' per topic) and discussion (15' per topic)
15:00-16:00	Update on big-scale proposals (moderation: Katja Matthes) 15' presentation+ 15' discussion per topic • Future West African Marine Ecosystem (FUTURO) – Arne Körtzinger • Marine and Aquatic Life Imaging for the Restoration, Vitality, and Longevity of BLUE ecosystems (Marvel Blue) – Anja Engel and David Needham
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:30	Meeting of the SAB with the directors
17:30-18:15	Internal meeting of the SAB

Wednesday, 22 April 2026

09:00-10:30	<p>Transition of Helmholtz Earth & Environment program to PoF V (moderation: Ute Hentschel Humeida) Introduction to PoF V and collection of potential questions from SAB members towards strategic evaluation</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <p>15' • Overview of PoF V structure of Earth and Environment program– Colin Devey</p> <p>10' • Climate Change Feedback of Ocean & Cryosphere (Topic B) – Arne Biastoch</p> <p>10' • Ocean Life and Element Cycles: Functioning, Services and Risks (Topic C) – Eric Achterberg</p> <p>10' • Dynamic Earth: Risks and Resources (Topic D) – Juliane Dannberg</p> <p>10' • Synthesis theme “Carbon: Sinks and Sources” – Wolfgang Koeve</p> <p>35' Discussion</p>
10:30-11:30	<p>SAB meeting with DokTeam and Postdoc+ Team (Poster session with coffee)</p>
11:30-12:00	<p>Meeting of the SAB with the directors</p>
12:00-12:30	<p>Internal meeting of the SAB</p>
12:30-13:00	<p>Final discussion and recommendations</p>
13:00-14:00	<p>Lunch and goodbye</p>