



ALL-ATLANTIC OCEAN RESEARCH ALLIANCE

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Side event to the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance 2022 – Ministerial event

Research Cooperation from Pole to Pole

Residence of the Portuguese Ambassador to Washington D.C

Tuesday 12/07

Dear Ambassador, Dear Friends of the Atlantic Ocean, and well after almost 4 years in this cooperation, I can almost say, Dear family, it is a pleasure to be here today with all of you.

As we have heard, the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance is an **Atlantic research and innovation alliance** that includes South Africa, Brazil, Canada, the United States of America and the European Union, as well as other countries such as Argentina, Cabo Verde and Morocco.

The motto of this Atlantic cooperation is divided into **three pillars, Connection, Action and Cooperation.**

The Alliance is currently **supported by several EU-funded projects as well as national initiatives.** At European level, the **AANChOR project** (All-Atlantic Cooperation of Ocean Research and innovation) is the Coordination and Support Action that is supporting the implementation of the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance.

AANChOR is supporting the Alliance's ambition through a series of activities, one of them through the implementation of **bottom-up joint transatlantic actions** that were co-designed with a total of 74 experts from 3 continents.

The **All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Pilot Actions** are thus the **result of an effort of connection, action and cooperation,** focusing on issues related to (A) Capacity Building, (B) Knowledge Transfer, (C) Data Sharing, (D) Ocean Literacy and (E) Sharing of Research Infrastructures **in six priority thematic areas within the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance:** (1) Climate Variability, (2) Ocean Observation, (3) Ocean Resources, (4) Ocean Technology, (5) Emerging Pollutants, and (6) Polar Research.

Today we are here contributing to the Joint Pilot Action focusing on the **sharing of research infrastructures,** JPA AA-MARINET, and more specifically its line of activity dedicated to **polar research** that has as expected outcome to **define long-term objectives for research infrastructure sharing.**

The JPA AA-MARINET is co-led by the AIR Centre and by IFREMER. The polar activity is co-led by the EU-PolarNet project and the European Polar Board.

This joint action, as all other 5 (check the Alliance portal for more information) are **open to the participation of other institutions that wish to be part of this collective endeavours.** The relevance of these actions is their intention to **“glue” several existing initiatives, avoiding duplication of efforts and promoting synergies.**



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The All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance supports the vision of the **2030 Agenda, namely SDG14 and SDG17**, promoting a **sustainable use of the Atlantic Ocean based on scientific knowledge and on cooperation among institutions**. It is also in line with the **United Nations Decade for Ocean Science** where **the sharing of knowledge, data, infrastructure and the promotion of ocean literacy and capacity building** are key to delivering the expected solutions to society.

I wish you all excellent discussions today and during the Ministerial event in scope of the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance 5th Forum in the next two days.

Thank you.