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ORCA Presents:

# CANADA'S OCEAN DECADE NEWSLETTER

## Special Issue: ORCA 2023 National Meeting



In partnership with the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS) and Memorial University, the ORCA 2023 National Meeting was successfully convened on June 1-2 in St. John's, NL, under the theme *'Together, let's make a strong Canadian contribution to the Ocean Decade'*.



Programming featured keynote speakers, an interactive panel discussion, breakout groups hosted by each of the seven Ocean Decade Champions, a poster session, and concurrent sessions/workshops addressing a variety of themes related to:

- **Interdisciplinary and multi-regional collaboration,**
- **Indigenous engagement and partnerships**
- **Community-led initiatives,** and/or
- **Mobilizing tools and resources.**

~150

Participants  
from across  
Canada

25

Poster  
presentations

15

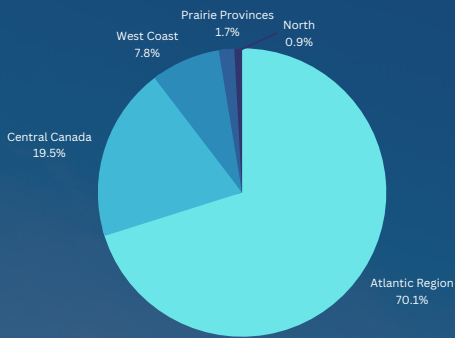
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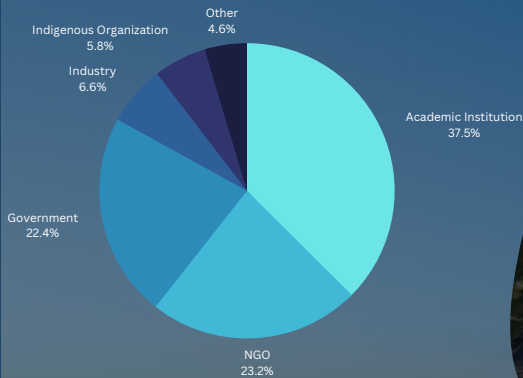
Decade Outcome  
breakout groups



## Participation by Region



## Participation by Sector



**4 in 10 participants**

identified as Early Career Ocean Professionals

## NEXT STEPS

-  ORCA 2023 National Meeting Report
-  Enhanced communication and outreach
-  Action-oriented engagement with the ocean community

## Join the ORCA Community! Call for New Members

Contact the ORCA Secretariat [ORCA.AROC@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:ORCA.AROC@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) to join the more than 750 members from over 200 organizations that are already part of ORCA.

**Together we can advance our collective understanding of the ocean!**

Feedback on ORCA 2023 has been positive to date, with many participants indicating that the meeting was needed to convene the community and to ensure cross-sector cooperation, particularly in the context of the Ocean Decade.



During ORCA 2023, the **Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition (COLC)** launched **Ocean Week Canada 2023** with events at the Johnson Geo Centre and a concert by The Fortunate Ones.

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