



GEO Programme Board & Work Plan (2017-19)

*GEO Italy meeting
ISPRA, Roma 31 Maggio 2017*





Mission

The GEO Programme Board supports the on-going development and implementation of the GEO Strategic Plan 2016 – 2025:

Implementing GEOSS through multi-year GEO Work Programmes



Tasks

- Works to ensure the overall **coherence and alignment of the GEO Work Programmes with GEO's Strategic Objectives** and Core Functions;
- Works to **align** the scope and substance of tasks, GEO Initiatives and Flagships in the GEO Work Programme **with the resources committed by Members** and Participating Organizations;
- Supports and **enables cross-cutting coordination and knowledge exchange**, especially best practices; and
- **Promotes GEO Work Programmes** and engagement of stakeholders in their implementation.

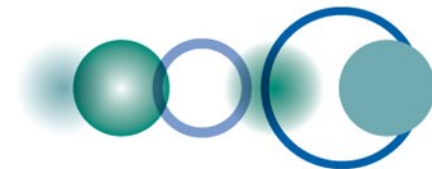


- **GEO Work Programmes**

- Review the scope and substance of activities proposed for the multi-year **GEO Work Programme**;
- Review the progress of **GEO Foundational Tasks, Initiatives and Flagships**;
- **Confirm** that resources committed are commensurate to the activities scoped for inclusion in the **Work Programme**;
- **Recommend GEO Work Programmes** for Plenary acceptance;
- **Examine** proposed Implementation Plans for **GEO Initiatives** and take decisions to accept new ones;
- **Recommend GEO Flagships** for Plenary acceptance;

- **Executive Committee**

- **Provide** high-level recommendations to the **Executive Committee**;
- **Nominate** Participating Organization observers to the **Executive Committee**;
- **Establish advisory groups** to address specific topics as needed.
- **Undertake** such other tasks as may be delegated to the Programme Board by **Executive Committee or Plenary**



Key messages from GEO Co-chairs to PB

- Focus on **implementation** and **delivery**:
 - Ensure GEO is **responding to goals in strategic plan**;
- Foster stronger **GEO identity**:
 - Ensure four **existing flagships become strong and visible**;
- Shape WP to **bring focus on priorities**, coherence across activities, foster collaboration and create synergies
- Strengthen and highlight **delivery in response to priorities** identified by plenary and ExCOM:
 - **SDGs** (Global goals outcomes)
 - **Climate change** (Paris agreement),
 - **Disaster Risk Reduction** (Sendai framework).
- **Reconcile aspirations with reality of GEO**



Programme Board tasks

- Foster a stronger **GEO IDENTITY**
 - **Branding guidelines** developed by the PB/GEO Sec to be used to bring GEO above the surface
- Contribute to **EFFECTIVE Governance**
 - This is essential for the success of GEO. Need to work in synergy with the others to **fulfil the GEO Vision**
- Manage **EXPECTATIONS**
 - **Reconcile the voluntary nature** of Programme Board and limited resources of GEO Secretariat **with aspirations and responsibilities**



Terms

- The Board's term will be for the **full duration of the GEO Strategic Plan 2016 – 2025: Implementing GEOSS**
- The Board comprises persons serving as **GEO Members and Participating Organisation representatives**
- GEO PB will number **no fewer than 16 and no more than 32 members.**
- At least **40% of PB members will be from GEO Members** and at least **40% will be from Participating Organizations**
- PB members will **serve for a term of up to 3 years**



2017 PB plan of work/Lessons Learned

- Work to focus on development SDGs, showing delivery through Flagships
- PB to meet 2 or 3 times in 2017 and make use of sub-groups for much of intercessional work.
- Sub-groups to have ToR and presumption that those created now report at each PB meeting and last until plenary.
- Sub-groups established should reflect the priorities endorsed by ExCom and Plenary

PB, WP and SP



- Show that EO can make a major contribution to meeting SDGs;
 - how, through what means, what tools, who is doing what, and show it.
- Make the case that GEO is indispensable for achieving SDGs directly (the goals themselves).
- Activities can support SDG targets and/or indicators.
- High-level political fora should be leveraged.
- Need to cultivate relationships and strategic connections to promote uptake of EO in SDG monitoring;
 - move from fostering to adopting users.
- Use targeted approach (to individual countries and orgs) on items that can be scaled up (can't work with all SDGs for all stakeholders)
 - need to learn by doing and show benefits by example.
- Promotion GEO as **provider** of geospatial information.

Sub-groups



- **Sub-group 1: Deliver SDG process outline.**
 - Lead: L. Spini (ICSU)
 - Contributors: Canada, CEOS, China , COSPAR , EC, France, Ghana, GRSS, IEEE,IOC
 - SEC: W. Sonntag
- **Subgroup 2: Shape WPS process**
 - Lead: T. Haigh (EEA)/I. DeLoatch (USA)
 - Contributors: CEOS, ESIP, Ghana, Germany, POGO, Japan, Contact point climate:
 - SEC: A. Obregón Contact point DRR; V. Aellen; D. Cripe
- **Subgroup 3: Performance indicators and M&E and Report on Progress**
 - Lead: M. Craglia (EC)/K. Fontaine (ESIP)
 - Contributors: IEEE, Greece, OGC
 - SEC: C. Larlee



Preparation for 2018

- Planning for **2018 & 2019 WPS** – Concept note in 2017
- Timeline needs to be **connected to annual cycle** & PB info / communications needs (earlier in year), + possibly **connected to regional fora**
- **Mid-term response to 3 priority areas** (DRR & CC in addition to SDGs), and against strategic goals.
- Preparation for **mid-term evaluation in 2019**

Thank you !

