

**Group on Earth Observations
Eighth Plenary Session – GEO-VIII
Istanbul, Turkey, 16-17 November 2011**

Review of Meeting Outcomes

Wednesday, 16 November 2011

Convene at 09:00

1 Opening of the session

- Welcome Address by Mr Yücel Altunbaşak, President of TÜBİTAK

1.1 Opening Remarks

- Philemon Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa (Chair of the Session)
- Jianlin Cao, Vice Minister, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China
- Manuela Soares, Director Environment, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Steven Fetter, Assistant Director At-Large, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, United States of America
- José Achache, Secretariat Director
- H.E. Mr Nihat Ergün, Minister of Science, Industry and Technology of Turkey

1.2 Administrative Announcements

1.3 Adoption of Agenda (Document 1(Rev3) - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED**

1.4 Recognition of New Members (Document 2 - *for recognition*) **Two new members acknowledged – Tajikistan, Colombia**

1.5 Statements from New Members

1.6 Recognition of Participating Organizations (Document 3(Rev2) - *for decision*) **EPOS, EUREC, GEM recognized as Participating Organizations.**

1.7 Approval of GEO-VII Report (Document 4 - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED with one correction**

10:00-10:30 Opening of the Exhibition

and Coffee Break

2 GEOSS Implementation Progress and Highlights

2.1 National and Regional activities

2.2 GEO 2009-2011 Work Plan Progress (Document 5 - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED with proposed changes**

2.3 Evaluation of GEOSS Implementation

- 2nd Evaluation (Document 6(Rev1) - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED**
- Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group Progress Report (Document 7 - *for information*) Germany

12:30 Lunch Reconvene at 14:00

2.4 GEOSS Common Infrastructure

2.5 Report of the Data Sharing Task Force and Status of Data-CORE (Document 8(Rev1) - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED.**

2.6 Geohazards Supersites and Natural Laboratories (Document 9 - *for information*)

2.7 GEO BON (Document 10 - *for information*)

2.8 African Water Cycle Initiative (Document 11 - *for information*)

2.9 The Black Sea Environment Project (Document 12 - *for information*)

2.10 Global Drought Monitor (Document 13 - *for information*)

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

2.11 GEO Global Agricultural Monitoring (GEO GLAM) (Document 14 - *for information*)

2.12 GEO Global Forest Observations Initiative-Implementation Plan (GFOI) (Document 15 - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED taking note of comments**

3 Reports from GEO Committees and Working Group (Documents 16, 17, 18, 19 - *for information*) Recommendations from Committee reports are ACCEPTED

18:00 Adjourn and official Reception

Thursday, 17 November 2011

Convene at 08:30

4 2012-2015 Work Plan

4.1 GEO 2012-2015 Work Plan (Document 20 - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED taking note of the recommendations and proposals**

4.2 Decision on Work Plan Management Structure (Document 21 - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED**

10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*

5 Financial Reports

5.1 Report of the External Auditor, 2010 Financial Statements and List of Direct Contributions to GEOSS (Document 22 - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED**

5.2 Interim Report on Income and Expenditure 2011 (January to August) (Document 23 - *for information*)

5.3 Secretariat Operations Budget for 2012 (Document 24 - *for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED (GFOI to be recorded separately in the accounts)**

6 **GEO Post-2015 (Document 25 - *for acceptance*) ACCEPTED with recommendations**

12:30 Lunch *Reconvene at 14:00*

7 **Report on the process of appointment of the Director of the GEO Secretariat for the period 2012-2014 ACCEPTED**

8 **Report of the Executive Committee (Document 26 - *for acceptance*) ACCEPTED**

9 Presentation of the Slate of Nominees for the Executive Committee

Europe: European Commission (Co-Chair), Germany, United Kingdom

Americas: USA (Co-Chair), Brazil, Canada

Asia/Oceania: China (Co-Chair), Japan, Korea, New Zealand

Africa: Republic of South Africa (Co-Chair), Morocco

CIS: Russian Federation

10 **Rules of Procedure Update (Document 27 - *for adoption*) ADOPTED as a living document. Proposed changes to be circulated for comments**

11 **Participation of GEO in the Rio+20 Conference Proposal from Japan ACCEPTED**

12 **Announcement of GEO-IX and Proposals for GEO-X and the 2013 Ministerial**

Invitation from Brazil to host GEO-IX in 2012– **ACCEPTED**

13 **Review of Session Outcomes**

14 **Concluding Remarks**

16:00

Adjourn

