

**Group on Earth Observations
Seventh Plenary Session – GEO-VII
Beijing, China, 3-4 November 2010
Review of Meeting Outcomes**

Wednesday, 3 November 2010

1 Opening of the session

1.1 Opening Remarks

- Zheng Guoguang, Administrator, China Meteorological Administration, People's Republic of China (Chair of the Session)
- Manuela Soares, Director, Environment (DIR-I), Directorate-General for Research, European Commission
- Philemon Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa
- Sherburne Abbott, Associate Director for Environment, Office of Science and Technology Policy, United States of America
- Secretariat Director

1.2 Administrative Announcements

1.3 Adoption of Agenda (Document 1(Rev1)) *(for acceptance)*

1.4 Recognition of New Members (Document 2(Rev1)) *(for recognition)* **Five new members acknowledged – Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Republic of Serbia**

1.5 Statements from New Members

1.6 Recognition of Participating Organizations (Document 3(Rev1)) *(for decision)* **ACMAD, GLOS, RCMRD as Participating Organizations. APSCO as observer**

1.7 Approval of GEO-VI Report (Document 4) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED**

2 Draft Beijing Declaration – Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 1)

3 Report on Progress – Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 2) *(for information)*

4 GEOSS Implementation Progress and Highlights

4.1 National and Regional Activities

4.2 2009-2011 Work Plan Progress (Document 5) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED**

4.3 Mid-Term Evaluation of GEOSS Implementation (Document 6) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED taking into account the comments made during the session**

4.4 GEOSS Data Sharing Action Plan 8 (Document 7) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED with change in Annex 5.4 and minor editorial adjustments**

The mandate for the Data Sharing Task Force is extended for one year.

- 4.5 GCI Coordination Team Report (Document 8) *(for information)*
- 4.6 2009-2011 Work Plan Annual Update (Document 9) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED as a living document**

5 Preparations for the 2012-2015 Work Plan

- 5.1 Process and Schedule (Document 10) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED**
- 5.2 Preparations for 2011 GEOSS Evaluation (Document 11) *(for information)*
- 5.3 Forest Carbon Tracking and the Global Forest Observation Initiative – GFOI (Document 12) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED. Task team to be formed.**

6 GEO Committees

- 6.1 Reports from Committees and Working Groups (Documents 13, 14, 15, 16, 17) *(for information)*
- 6.2 Recommendation on Committees and Working Group - **COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUP RENEWED**
- 6.3 Nomination of Committees and Working Group Co-Chairs
 - ADC: EC, China, IEEE, US, CEOS, Brazil, WMO, Japan**
 - CBC: EC, Spain, Austria, Brazil, South Africa, UNESCO**
 - STC: Italy, UK, US, South Africa, Australia, Germany, EuroGeoSurveys**
 - UIC: US, Germany, France, EC, IEEE**
 - M&E: Canada, US**

Thursday, 4 November 2010

- 7 **Draft Beijing Declaration (continued) – Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 1)**
CONSENSUS WAS REACHED
- 8 **Report of the Executive Committee (Document 18) (for acceptance) ACCEPTED**
- 9 **Process to appoint the Director of the GEO Secretariat for the period 2012-2014 (Document 19)**
(for acceptance) ACCEPTED
- 10 **Financial Reports**
 - 10.1 2009 Financial Statements (Document 20) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED**
 - 10.2 Report of the External Auditor (Document 21) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED**
 - 10.3 Report on Income and Expenditure 2010 (January to August) (Document 22(Rev1)) *(for information)*
 - 10.4 Secretariat Operations Budget for 2011 (Document 23) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED**

11 Presentation of Slate of Nominees for the Executive Committee

Europe: European Commission (Co-Chair), Italy, Germany

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

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

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

CIS: Russian Federation

12 Rules of Procedure Update (Document 24) (*for adoption*) **ADOPTED**

13 Draft Beijing Declaration (continued) – *Document for Ministerial Summit* (Document MS 1)

14 Announcement of GEO-VIII and Proposals for GEO-IX

Invitation from Turkey to host GEO-VIII in 2011– ACCEPTED

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

15 Review of Session Outcomes

16 Concluding Remarks

