

# **Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group**

## **Draft Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose**

Ensure a coherent and cross-cutting GEO approach to advance the use of Earth observations in support of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

### **Objectives**

- Provision of a coordinated space to allow for discussion and communication on disaster-related activities within the GEO Work Programme.
- The fostering of support for disaster related activities between the GEO community and national, international and intergovernmental bodies. This not only builds on the relationship that has developed between GEO and the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction.
- The promotion of data sharing from different platforms, technologies, themes and domains.
- Connecting the different scales of activities – from local, national, regional to global.
- Monitoring the uptake of GEO's activities in support of the Sendai Framework.
- Seeking coherence and collaboration amongst the post-2015 development agendas and GEO's areas of focus. Including the identification of common metrics and opportunities for joint reporting.
- Outreach: Promote to key stakeholders and partners the value of EO and information provided by GEO.

### **Duties**

- Where appropriate, act as a focal point for the engagement with external stakeholders and international organizations and processes relevant to the Sendai Framework;
- Review the Implementation Plans of all GEO Work Programme activities relevant to the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction, and to identify potential gaps and synergies;
- Facilitate communication between the leads and participants of these GEO Work Programme activities; and,
- Stimulate the initiation of projects, case studies or pilots involving participants from multiple GEO Work Programme activities to enhance collaboration across GEO and to address identified gaps.

### **Membership (to be approved by the Programme Board)**

- Membership of the Work Group will be open to any representative of a GEO Member, Participating Organization or Associate Member.
- Participation by individuals involved in related GWP activities will be encouraged.
- Each GEO Work Programme activity with deliverable addressing aspects of the Sendai Subgroup should identify a liaison member to the Work Group.
- Representatives of key UN and international organizations (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction).
- Representatives of national and regional stakeholders.