# GEO Symposium 2019 – Agenda

**27-29 May 2019**  
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Geneva, Switzerland

## Monday, 27 May 2019

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| 9:15-10:15   | **Session 1 – Opening Session**  
Welcome and Opening Remarks – Gilberto Camara, GEO Secretariat Director  
Outline of the Symposium Agenda – Yana Gevorgyan, GEO Programme Board Co-chair  
**2020-2022 GEO Work Programme Overview** – Craig Larlee, GEO Work Programme Coordinator  
**GEO-XVI Plenary and Ministerial Summit** – Trevor Dhu  
Questions and Discussion |
| 10:15-11:00  | **Opening of the Poster Display**  
Networking break (tea/coffee) |
| 11:00-12:30  | **Session 2 – Earth Observations for Health and Urban Resilience**  
Moderator – Evangelos Gerasopoulos  
**Global Observation System for Mercury** – Nicola Pirrone  
**Global Observation System for Persistent Organic Pollutants** – Jana Klanova  
**Earth Observations for Health** – John Haynes  
**Global Urban Observation and Information** – Yifang Ban  
Questions and Discussion |
| 12:30-13:30  | **Lunch**                                                             |
| 13:30-15:00  | **Session 3 – GEO Support to the Paris Agreement**  
Moderator – Kathy Fontaine  
**Setting the Scene** – Osamu Ochiai  
**Mapping GEO Work Programme Support to the Paris Agreement** – Kathy Fontaine  
**Keynote Address: National Perspective from the UK Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy** – Eleanor Webster  
**Global Forest Observation Initiative** – Osamu Ochiai  
**Space Climate Observatory** – Selma Cherchali  
Questions and Discussion |
| 15:00-15:30  | **Browse Poster Display -- Networking break (tea/coffee)** |
| 15:30-17:00  | **Session 3 continued**  
Moderator – Kathy Fontaine  
**GEO Vision for Energy** – Thierry Ranchin  
**Oceans and Society: Blue Planet** – Emily Smail  
**Copernicus Climate Change Service** – Fabio Venuti  
**GEO Carbon and GHG Initiative** – Antonio Bombelli  
Questions and Discussion |
| 17:00        | **Adjourn**                                                           |
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| **09:00-10:45** | **Session 8 – GEO Support to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**  
Moderator – Bente Bye  
Earth Observations for the Sustainable Development Goals – Argyro Kavvada  
GEO Global Agricultural Monitoring – Ian Jarvis  
GEO Human Planet – Daniele Ehrlich  
GEO Land Degradation Neutrality – Douglas Cripe  
GEO Global Ecosystem Initiative – Ghada El Serafy  
GEO Global Network for Observations and Information in Mountain Environments – Carolina Adler  
Questions and Discussion |
| **10:45-11:15** | **Browse Poster Display -- Networking break (tea/coffee)** |
| **11:15-12:30** | **Session 9 – GEO Foundational Tasks**  
Overview of the Proposed Foundational Task Structure – Craig Larlee  
Engagement Priorities Coordination – James Norris  
Climate in the Foundational Tasks – Hiroyuki Muraoka  
GEOSS Infrastructure Development – Ivan DeLoatch  
Capacity Development – Nancy Searby  
Questions and Discussion |
| **12:30-13:30** | **Lunch** |
| **13:30-15:30** | **Session 10 – Interactive Session on Regional GEOs**  
Moderator – Nancy Searby  
AfriGEO – Byron Anangwe  
AmeriGEO – Ivan DeLoatch  
AOGEO – Hiroyuki Muraoka  
EuroGEO – Jean Dusart  
Breakout Group Discussions  
Summary of Symposium Outcomes  
Closing Remarks from GEO Programme Board members  
Closing Remarks from the GEO Secretariat Director |
| **15:30** | **Adjourn** |