



GEO Program Board Meeting #2

Subgroup 6

Mentoring Community Activities



BUILDING A GLOBAL
EARTH OBSERVATION
SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS



Background

- At PB#1 we agreed that we needed to stay informed on *all* the activities of the Work Programme
- Suggested that each Board member select a community activity to “mentor”
 - to foster engagement and provide a means of feedback to/from the PB
- This interaction is not specifically called for in the PBs ToR
- At 36th GEO ExCom they noted this effort was appreciated as seen from a mentoring and resource mobilisation perspective



Initiation

- Subgroup 6 was formed and Board members were encouraged to identify a particular Community Activity with which they would like to engage on an informal basis as a “mentor”.
- The interaction would begin with the Board member contacting the lead of the selected Community Activity



Accomplishments to Date

- A spreadsheet with CAs vs PBs was created in Google Docs & email circulated asking members to check the box identifying the PB-CA matchup
- 16 Board members made selections.
- All 33 CAs were eventually selected.
- However, some Board members selected more than one CA (e.g. Columbia = 14, COSPAR = 15), and several CAs were selected by multiple Board members (CA-1, CA-3, CA-15 were selected by 5; CA-27 was selected by 9).



Open Questions

- Revise the guidelines for making PB-CA matchups?
- Establish a system for allocating new CAs to PBs volunteer members?
- It was not envisioned in PB#1 that the mentoring would commence before PB#2
 - Does it make sense to contact CAs that are not continuing in the 2017-2020 WP?
- Are CAs in a different category regarding meeting deadlines for submission of materials?
- What is term of mentor in a particular matchup?



Guidelines for Interactions

- Outline and explain compliance with template requirements (how are CA initiated?)
- Be sure to convey this is not an effort aimed at oversight or monitoring – Community Activities are free to pursue their agendas as they see fit
- Mentor is not an advocate to PB
- Convey that the PB wishes to stay informed so that it can make connections and offer solutions and guidance
- Identify the GEO Global Initiatives that the CA is most closely aligned with



Questions to ask CA PoCs

- How can GEOSS support your effort?
- What challenges do you confront, or anticipate confronting, in integrating with GEOSS?
- What challenges do you confront, or anticipate confronting, in adhering to the Data Sharing and Data Management Principles?
- Do you currently interact with any of the GEO global initiatives?



Timeline

Action	Target Date
Interaction guidelines	?
PB members contact CA PoCs	Start: ? End: ?
Report back to PB	?