



Outcomes and Actions

GEO Programme Board
30-31 August 2017, Geneva





Session 1

Opening remarks – Secretariat Director

- PB has hit its stride, was evident at Athens meeting.
- ExCom has confidence in PB, looking for leadership and high-level recommendations.
- GEO becoming recognized as a policy partner (UNFCCC, UNCCD, Minamata).
- Must not lose sight of EO for ecosystem accounting and urban resilience.
- PB should consider whether more rigorous review of resources dedicated to WP is merited.
- Commercial Sector has important role to play in bridging the gap from observations to users.
- How can Secretariat improve its support of PB?



Session 1

- **Agenda adopted.**
 - review of 6th PB outcomes requested
 - report from GOS4M during Session 4
- **Report from 40th ExCom.**
 - message: up to PB and Secretariat to determine future of GS
- **PB Plan of Work on track.**
 - milestones have been met



Session 2

Report from Subgroup 1

- Following guidance from UNGGIM.
- Many meetings, GEO achieving recognition.
- SDG Webinar held in June.
- NY October workshop on utility of EO, good outreach opportunity.
- EO and geospatial data to feature at upcoming meetings in China, Mexico.
- Need concerted effort to work across UN entities on tier 3 indicators, find leverage points.
- But...connections within subgroup minimal since May.

Action: subgroup closed.



Session 2

Report from Subgroup 2

- WPS plan “tactical” because it looks to future, illustrates how various components can/should work together.
- Still not clear what proposal on timing is.
- Up to PB and Secretariat to chart way forward.

Action: subgroup closed.



Session 2

Report from Subgroup 4

- New EuroGEOSS and AquaWatch (former CA) Initiative implementation plans reviewed.
- Revised GEO BON Flagship and GEO-GNOME Initiative implementation plans reviewed.
- Questions remain regarding resourcing for GEO BON, and added value of GEO; for 2018 PB to consider.

Action: subgroup closed.



Session 3

Work Programme update

- General satisfaction with new structure.

Recommendations:

- Preamble: mention other MDs (e.g. GEOSS DSPs).
- Preface indices with explanatory text.
 - distinguish SDGs from more permanent SBAs
- Change titles (GRSS suggestions).
- Remove empty icons.
- Move FTs before CAs.
- Reference Paris Agreement (climate) and Sendai Framework.

Actions:

- **GEO BON (rev), AquaWatch, EuroGEOSS, GEO-GNOME (rev) accepted by PB into Work Programme to be presented to Plenary for approval.**
- **GEO-CRADLE, GEOARC CAs accepted by Secretariat.**



Session 3

WP-SDG communication piece

- WP to contain ‘opportunities/challenges’ in SDG index introduction.
- Report on Progress to include select examples of WP support to SDG.
- Case study document update to be circulated prior to Plenary.
- PB report to Plenary to include any supplementary information, if needed.

Action: Secretariat to revise WP based on PB recommendations [DL 6 Sep].



Session 4

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Overall support and endorsement – kudos for effort!
- Still learning about process as we go.
- Presentation by Secretariat at Plenary to include report on monitoring process and indicators.
- Indicators to be systematically included in future annual reports.
 - 2017 report should include short reference to monitoring and indicators.
- Should bring this back as regular topic for PB
 - how to use indicators for shaping WP
 - how GEO is reaching Strategic Objectives



Session 5

Strategic Outlook

- PB to focus on developing new activities WP.
 - responding to priorities and gaps identified
 - will organize workshop on support for Paris Agreement
- Infrastructure and Transport Management SBA an issue; regional approach to be pursued (Caucuses, AfriGEOSS, etc)
- Work towards identifying WP contributions to Sendai Framework (synthesis, communications activity).
- Not suggesting a GS in 2018 for PB purposes; but PB asks SEC to poll community at large, to determine whether to schedule GS in 2018.



Session 5

GEO-XIV Plenary

PB Report to feature:

- Focus on opportunities for new activities (Paris Agreement; Infrastructure and Transport Management SBA).
- Actions taken, WPS leveraged to engage with Flagships and Initiatives regarding support for 3 priorities.

Success criteria:

- Focus on outcomes/impacts on user(s), including outside GEO community (e.g. Red Cross).
 - feature testimony from fisherman, farmer, etc, from personal perspective.
- Success due to GEO (would not have happened without convening power).
- Include regional component if possible.
 - *Any suggestions to Secretariat by 7 September.*



Session 5

Actions:

- **Subgroup 1: Paris Agreement workshop planning (outreach to broad community including policy, such as GCOS, UNFCCC, WMO)**
 - CEOS, COSPAR, ESIP, France, Japan, Italy, IOC, SA, UK.
 - A. Obregón/A. Noda Secretariat PoC.
- **Subgroup 2: Outreach to Regional GEOSS**
 - IEEE.
- **Secretariat to poll GEO Plenary/Community on necessity for GEO Symposium [31 Dec]**
 - Part of post Plenary survey?, response to PB approach to WP development (K. Fontaine).
- **PB to provide written statement of progress for Plenary [DL 8 Sep] (PPT is default in case).**



Session 6

2018 PB plan of work

- See following slide for draft plan of work.
- PB to make concerted effort to invite leadership from Flagships and Initiatives to meetings.

Nomination process

- See following slides for open seats and nomination timetable.
- Spain, Uganda did not attend any meetings in 2017.

Actions:

- **Secretariat to contact Spain, Uganda regarding intentions for 2018 [7 Sep].**
- **PB co-chairs to take decision on Spain, Uganda seats.**
- **PB co-chairs to draft note for Caucuses suggesting resource pooling to support PB participation [T. Haigh].**

2018 PB Timeline	Action / Milestone
(Nov 2017)	Election of PB co-chair and PO observer
late Jan	8 th PB meeting (Geneva). Topics: mandate issue; trends in observing systems; Plenary follow-up; GEO Symposium feedback; regional GEO engagement plan of action.
? Jan/Feb	Paris Agreement workshop - designing 2020-2022 GEO WP.
mid Feb	Secretariat call for 2017-2019 WP modifications.
mid Mar	PB report to 43rd Executive Committee meeting.
? Apr	European Caucus meeting.
mid Apr	9th PB meeting: Topics: design of evaluation process; reconciling resources with ambitions in WP.
? Apr	African Caucus meeting.
? May	GEO Symposium?
early Jun	Deadline for WP modifications from community.
? Jun	Americas Caucus meeting.
Jun/Jul	PB review of WP proposals.
mid Jul	PB report to 44th Executive Committee meeting.
30 Aug	1 st consolidated draft of 2017-2019 WP.
mid Sep	10th PB meeting?
15 Sep	Call for 2019-2020 PB nominations (new/renewed) (until 15 Oct)
25 Sep	Final draft 2017-2019 WP circulated
? Oct	A-O Caucus meeting
late Oct	GEO XV Plenary (Kiyoto), acceptance of 2017-2019 WP

	Term Length (years)	Term End Date (31 Dec)
Members		
China	3	2019
European Commission	3	2019
Italy	3	2019
Japan	3	2019
Ghana	2	2018
South Africa	2	2018
Spain	2	2018
Uganda	2	2018
United Kingdom	2	2018
USA*	2	2018
Canada	1	2017
France	1	2017
Germany	1	2017
Greece	1	2017
Madagascar	1	2017

* Co-chair

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Participating Organizations		
CEOS**	3	2019
EEA*	3	2019
ESIP	3	2019
ISDE	3	2019
MRI	3	2019
WMO	3	2019
ICSU	2	2018
IEEE**	2	2018
ITC	2	2018
OGC	2	2018
UCAR	2	2018
COSPAR	1	2017
GOOS**	1	2017
GRSS	1	2017
IOC*	1	2017
IUGG	1	2017
POGO	1	2017

* Co-chair

** Observer

2018 Programme Board

- **11 total 2017 seats open for nomination**
 - 5 (of 15) Member seats
 - 6 (of 17) PO seats
- **32 Grand Total PB seats**
 - **Representation:**
 - min 40% (13 seats), max 60% (19 seats)
 - **Range possible:**
 - 9 Members / 2 POs to 3 Members / 8 POs

Timeline

30-31 August	7th PB meeting
04 September	Call for nominations circulated to GEO Principals.
22 September	Deadline for nominations.
30 September	Secretariat compiles candidate list.
03 October	Secretariat issues the recommendations to the Executive Committee for Programme Board 2017-19 composition.