

Programme Board Plan of Work 2020 (adopted at PB-16)

At its 16th meeting on February 6-7, 2020, the GEO Programme Board adopted a Plan of Work for 2020. The following table represents the tasks that the GEO Programme Board will work to complete during 2020. The work items stem from PB's prior year's discussions, Executive Committee and Plenary outcomes, and observed future need.

#	Work Item Title	Work Item Description	Priority	Lead Entity	PB-16 decisions / comments
Discussed in 2019					
1	Continued engagement with GWP activity teams. -from PB 12, 13, 14, 15	PB, through Engagement Teams, to promote cross-interaction among related GWP activities to facilitate horizontal collaboration and integration, and to continue with GWP teams to facilitate growth and successful implementation.	1	Engagement Teams	PB-16 action on PB members to confirm their participation in PB Engagement Teams.
2	Diversity in GEO (GWP) -from PB 13 and 15	An effort to promote diversity (3G's: Gender, Generation, Geography) within GEO	1	UK (Nathalie Pettorelli)	PB-16 approved Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Subgroup ToR.
3	Private Sector Engagement in GWP -from PB-14	Identify a range of need/opportunities for private sector contributions to GWP and private sector use of GWP outputs.	1	AUS/SA/USA	PB-16 agreed to set up a Private Sector Subgroup.
4	A GEO "Resource/Guide" -from PB-15	Develop a Resource/Guide for GWP activity leads on scaling, mobilizing resources, commercial sector engagement	2	AUS/IAG	PB-16 determined that AUS/IAG will define the Guide's scope in second half of 2020, following consultations at GEO Symposium and leveraging outputs of Private Sector, EDI and other special teams.
5	Follow up and next steps on engagement with UN Habitat	Are next steps clear for PB?	1	Urban Resilience Task Force Leads	PB-16 agreed this would be in the purview of Urban Resilience SG.
New Proposals (some inspired by past discussions)					
6	Foundational Task WG ToRs	Review and revise WG ToRs to respond to ExCom-49 comments	1	GEOSEC, PB	Task completed at PB-16.
7	Knowledge Hub Implementation Plan	Review implementation plan for submission to Excom-51	1	GID-TT	PB-16 recommended further consultation within the Task Team prior to review by PB members. A revised timeline was approved, which would require deferring ExCom review until its 52nd meeting.

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8	GEO Awards	Review Lessons Learned from the inaugural round. What adjustments need to be made to the process, criteria, etc. Consider whether additional awards categories should be launched. Agree on timeline for 2020 awards process. Decide if the committee membership stays the same or new members every year.	1	Awards SG	PB-16 agreed to continue with aim to publish call for Individual Excellence Award nominations in April 2020 timeframe. A subgroup will be formed and develop ToR over the course of 2020. Consult PB Actions 16-07, 16-08, 16-09
9	Google Offer to Work with GEO on Promoting GEO results through GEE	Determine what, if any, engagement is necessary between Google Earth Engine team and PB to alleviate concerns around risks to personal data, etc.	2	Special Team, Data WG	PB-16 decided this will be handled by a mix of a special team and Data WG.
10	Report on progress from cloud service credits programmes	Discuss the need for a mid-term and end-of-term feedback from the projects who are receiving cloud service credits (GEE and AWS).	2	GEOSEC (Doug)	PB-16 agreed to review end-of-term results. Consult PB Action 16-10.
11	Youth Engagement in GEO	Determine means by which GEO can promote youth engagement in GEO/EO sphere.	1	EDI Subgroup	PB-16 agreed this will be in the purview of EDI SG and topic of interest for future events.
12	Regional GEO Coordination	Is there a role for PB? Will the Regional GEOs review teams have a role?	1	Regional Engagement Team	PB-16 determined this will be handled by PB's Regional GEO Engagement Teams.
13	GEO Symposium	Plan GEO Symposium 2020	1	Symposium SG	PB-16 decided to establish Symposium 2020 Subgroup.
14	"From email to action": on Reproducibility Crisis	Develop a paper with problem statement and recommendation for solutions to promote wider awareness and discussion internationally.		GEOSEC (Gilberto)	Secretariat offered to prepare a discussion paper on this topic.
15	UN-DRR engagement session		1	GEO DRR-WG	PB-16 determined DRR WG will continue to expand on this mandate. PB-16 encouraged more special sessions on engagement with key stakeholders.
16	Canberra Ministerial Declaration: Translating Declaration into Action for GEO	Review Ministerial Declaration and determine if it inspires any new actions for PB.	1	GEOSEC, PB	PB-16 decisions respond to the Declaration Content. ExCom-51 may provide further guidance.

GEO Programme Board Meeting Schedule 2020:

Programme Board-16: February 5-7 (Geneva, Switzerland)

Programme Board-17 and 18: June 15 and June 19, respectively (Geneva, Switzerland)

Programme Board 19: September 1-3 (Accra, Ghana)