

## Draft Programme Board Plan of Work 2020

*This document is submitted by the United States Programme Board Co-Chair to the Programme Board for decision.*

### 1 INTRODUCTION

The draft Plan of Work 2020 (attached as Annex A) lists all key work items and issues that the Programme Work will address during the calendar year 2020. The work items listed here are not meant to be a one-to-one match with the Programme Board Action Items, as a single work item may warrant a series of actions necessary to fully address it. GEO Secretariat manages the action items list that the Programme Board reviews regularly.

This first draft Plan of Work is a collection of items that Programme Board has taken up, discussed and considered for future work during the meetings of 2019, as well as items stemming from Co-Chairs observations from 2019. The Plan of Work 2020 lists the items as subject matters but does **not** present options for how to approach and address them. The approaches, the **how**, will be the subject of discussions by the Programme Board and will translate into specific action items once conclusions on best approaches are reached.

In this first draft Plan of Work, the Programme Board is asked to review and consider which of the listed work items should indeed constitute our Plan of Work 2020 and which can be dropped or deferred. Several of the items included here will be discussed as part of the 16th meeting agenda, others will become subjects of the subsequent meetings.

To be an effective and valuable management tool for the Programme Board, the Plan of Work 2020, once adopted by the Board, should remain mostly intact throughout the year to ensure that PB maintains focus on a specific set of items. Substantive modifications will be done towards the end of the year and in the beginning of the following year to generate the Plan of Work 2021.

### 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Programme Board agree on the appropriate work items and approve the Plan of Work 2020.

**ANNEX A – DRAFT PROGRAMME BOARD PLAN OF WORK 2020**

#	Work Item Title	Work Item Description	Lead PB member(s)	Notes/Comments
<b>Discussed in 2019</b>				
1	Continued engagement with GWP activity teams.  -from PB 12, 13, 14, 15	PB agreed to promote cross-interaction among related/relevant GWP activities to facilitate horizontal collaboration and integration, and to continue engagement by review teams with their respective project groups.	WP Review Team Leads	GEOSEC document PB-16.11 is expected to propose direction for this.
2	Diversity in GEO (GWP)  -from PB 13 and 15	An effort to promote diversity (3G's: Gender, Generation, Geography) within GEO	UK (Nathalie Pettorelli)	PB-14.14 is expected to further this.
3	Private Sector Engagement in GWP -from PB-14	Identify a range of need/opportunities for private sector contributions to GWP through specific calls for contribution.	AUS/SA/USA	PB actively discussed this in the post-GEO Symposium meeting. Would be useful to have a synopsis from Industry Track presented as one source of information to inform this thinking. PB may choose to have a tiger team to take up this topic.
4	A GEO "Resource/Guide"  -from PB-15	Develop a Resource/Guide for GWP activity leads on scaling, mobilizing resources, commercial sector engagement	AUS	Original proposal from Australia at PB-15 accepted with broad support. Does Australia have a pen on this?
5	Follow up and next steps on engagement with UN Habitat	Are next steps clear for PB?	Urban Resilience Task Force Leads	PB-16 agenda item 4.1 will provide further direction for this.
<b>New Proposals (some inspired by past discussions)</b>				
6	Foundational Task WG ToRs	Review and revise WG ToRs to respond to ExCom-49 comments	GEOSEC, PB	PB-16.09 will further this item. GEO PB shall also review in a successive step (i.e. after the ToRs are agreed) the membership.
7	Knowledge Hub Implementation Plan	Review implementation plan for submission to Excom-51	GID-TT	PB-16.07 will further this item.
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.		Any changes need to be made to the process for the Individual Awards or the awards process in general?  Originally, at PB-12, several categories for awards were suggested as options. PB to consider if any "group" awards should be launched in 2020 to supplement the Individual Awards.
9	Google Offer to Work with GEO on Promoting GEO results through GEE	Determine what, if any, engagement is necessary between Google Earth team and PB to alleviate concerns around risks to personal data, etc.	GEOSEC (Doug)	Google announced at Plenary the offer to promote select GWP results in Google Earth and to work with GEO/PB on defining measures that may be necessary to mitigate risks associated with personal data, etc.
10	Feedback from projects receiving cloud service credits on their progress	Discuss the need for a mid-term and end-of-term feedback from the projects who are receiving cloud service credits (GEE and AWS).	GEOSEC (Doug)	

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11	Has GEO Week 2019 stimulated opportunities for new GWP activities?	Youth Engagement was a subject of interventions. What are potential suitable ways to promote this within GEO	GEOSEC (Steven)	The topic of Youth Engagement is not new, but it was included in the scope of Plenary/Summit agenda for the first time. Is there a case for a new Youth Engagement activity in GWP? Will this be adequately covered in Diversity Group efforts? Will this be promoted via GEO events?
12	Regional GEO Coordination	Is there a role for PB? Will the Regional GEOs review teams have a role?		One action/outcome from a GEO-XVI Plenary Panel was to keep focus on coordination among Regional GEOs?
13	GEO Symposium	Plan GEO Symposium 2020	GEOSEC (Craig/Wenbo)	PB-16.13 will provide direction for this.
14	“From email to action”: on Reproducibility Crisis	Develop a paper with problem statement and recommendation for solutions to inform/prompt/move action on the topic within appropriate forums.	GEOSEC (Gilberto)	Ref Gilberto’s email Sep 12, 2019. Last sentence reads “We need to take action to change this scenario.” PB members suggested that GEOSEC (+GEO community as relevant) produce a paper defining the problem AND propose solutions which can be used to drive the conversation in GEO AND in other relevant fora/events. Is this prime for next steps? Is this a topic for the new GEO Data Working Group?
15	UN-DRR engagement session		GEO DRR-WG	PB-16 special session will provide further direction for this.
16	Canberra Ministerial Declaration: Translating Declaration into Action for GEO	Review Ministerial Declaration and determine if it inspires any new actions for PB.	GEOSEC	At ExCom-50, calls were made on key GEO bodies to ensure that Canberra Declaration does not become an artefact but inspire action. Review and determine if its language inspires ‘new’ action for PB.