

**Group on Earth Observations  
Ninth Plenary Session – GEO-IX  
Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, 22-23 November 2012**

**Review of Meeting Outcomes**

**Thursday, 22 November 2012**

*Convene at 09:00*

**1 Opening of the session**

- 1.1 Welcome Address by Dr Leonel Perondi, Director General, INPE
- 1.2 Opening Remarks
  - Manuela Soares, Director, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission, (Chair of the Session)
  - Jianlin Cao, Vice Minister, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China
  - Philemon Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa
  - Kathryn Sullivan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States of America
  - Barbara Ryan, Director, GEO Secretariat
- 1.3 Administrative Announcements
- 1.4 Adoption of Agenda (Document 1 (Rev1)) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED with one change, item 4 moved to after the coffee break**
- 1.5 Recognition of New Members (Document 2) *(for information)* **One new member acknowledged – Côte d'Ivoire**
- 1.6 Statements from New Members
- 1.7 Recognition of Participating Organizations (Document 3 (Rev1)) *(for acceptance)* **ICA, UNCCD, WDS recognized as Participating Organizations. SWF recognized as Observer**
- 1.8 Approval of GEO-VIII Report (Document 4) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED**

*10:15-10:45 Opening of the Exhibition*

*and Coffee Break*

**Switzerland announces its intention to host GEO-X and the 2013 Ministerial Summit. The offer is accepted.**

## **2 GEOSS Implementation**

### 2.1 Assessment of Progress

- Target Assessment (Document 5) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED with comments noted by IBs**
- Task Assessment (Document 6) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED with comments noted by IBs.**

### 2.2 3<sup>rd</sup> Evaluation Report (Document 7) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED** and Monitoring & Evaluation Outlook (Document 8) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED with comment from the UK**

### 2.3 GEO 2012-2015 Work Plan Update (Document 9) *(for acceptance)* **ACCEPTED as a living document**

### 2.4 GEO 2012-2015 Work Plan Implementation Highlights

### 2.5 Featured Initiatives

- Blue Planet
- AfriGEOSS (Document 10) *(for information)*

*12:30 Lunch, Reconvene at 14:00*

### 2.6 Actions Arising from GEO-VIII

- Global Forest Observation Initiative (GFOI) (Document 11) *(for consultation)* **Proposal to transform the Task Force into the GFOI Steering Committee is endorsed**
- GEO Global Agricultural Monitoring (GEO GLAM) (Document 12) *(for consultation)*

### 2.7 Public Private Partnership (Document 14) *(for consultation)*

## **3 GEO Post-2015 (Document 15 (Rev1)) *(for consultation)***

*16:00-16:30 Coffee Break*

## **3 GEO Post-2015 (Document 15 (Rev1)) *(Continued – Discussion)***

*18:00 Adjourn and Official Reception*

**Friday, 23 November 2012**

*Convene at 08:30*

- 3 GEO Post-2015 (*Continued – Summary and Conclusions*)**
- 4 Announcement of GEO-X and Preparation for the 2013 Ministerial Offer from Switzerland to host the Ministerial Summit and GEO-X – acclaimed by plenary**

**Terms of reference of the Ministerial Working Group accepted by plenary**

**5 Member and Participating Organization Statements (*for information*)**

Delegations that wish to speak may make short statements (3 minutes) focusing on the value added benefits of their participation in GEO.

*10:30-11:00 Coffee Break*

**5 Member and Participating Organization Statements (*continued*)**

**6 Financial Reports To include separate financial information for “special initiatives”**

- 6.1 2011 Financial Statements and Report of the External Auditor (Document 16) (*for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED**
- 6.2 Interim Report on Income and Expenditure 2012 (January to August) (Document 17 (Rev1)) (*for information*)
- 6.3 Secretariat Operations Budget for 2013 (Document 18 (Rev1)) (*for acceptance*) **ACCEPTED**

*12:30 Lunch, Reconvene at 14:00*

**7 Report of the Executive Committee to Plenary (2012) (Document 19) (*for acceptance*)**

**ACCEPTED**

**8 Presentation of the Nominees for the Executive Committee**

- **Europe:** European Commission (Co-Chair), Estonia, United Kingdom
- **Americas:** USA (Co-Chair), Argentina, Canada
- **Asia/Oceania:** China (Co-Chair), Japan, Korea, New Zealand
- **Africa:** Republic of South Africa (Co-Chair), Nigeria
- **CIS:** Russian Federation

**9 Rules of Procedure Update**

9.1 Membership of Implementation Boards

9.2 Adoption of Rules of Procedure (Document 20 (*for acceptance*)) **ACCEPTED**

**10 Review of Session Outcomes**

**11 Concluding Remarks**

*16:30 Adjourn*