

**Workshop on Capacity Building and Developing Countries in GEO Post-2015,
4 May 2015, WMO, Geneva, Switzerland
10h00 – 16h00**

The one-day Workshop, immediately preceding the GEO Work Plan Symposium (5 – 7 May 2015), will focus on engaging developing countries in GEO post-2015 and strengthening capacity building activities to enable the uptake of Earth observations.

The objectives of the side event will be two-fold:

- outline capacity building plans and activities in GEO for the next decade (2016 – 2025); and
- provide inputs to the Implementation Plan Working Group (IPWG) on how GEO can better engage and involve developing countries (a clear call from the GEO Geneva Declaration).

The Workshop aims to attract participants from institutions that provide capacity building programmes, such as education and training, data and software tools and project and mobility resources. In addition, we hope to attract representatives of organisations and associations that undertake outreach activities. Please advise if your institution would like to make a presentation during the workshop.

Programme

09h30 Registration

10h00 – 13h00 Welcoming Remarks & Setting the Scene

Why are we here?

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| • Welcoming Remarks | GEO Secretariat Director |
| • Meet and Greet | All |
| • Keynote Address | CCB, University of Colorado, USA |

11h00 – 11h30 Refreshment Break

11h30 – 13h00 Welcoming Remarks & Setting the Scene

Where have we been?

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| • GEO Capacity Building 2005 – 2015 | INPE, Brazil |
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Participants to share their experiences of the current decade

12h00 – 13h00 Activities and Collaborations

Participants to share their existing and planned activities, how will these contribute to GEO Capacity Building and what are envisaged gaps, starting with 10 minute presentations to stimulate discussion.

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| • Individual & institutional capacity development | ITC |
| • Infrastructure development | GEONETCast |

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 15h30 Activities and Collaborations

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- Capacity Building in Societal Benefit Areas UNITAR-UNOSAT
- National coordination IDEAM, Colombia
- Resource mobilization TBC

15h30 – 16h00 Tea Break

16h00 – 17h30 Plotting the Course

Where to from here? Participants to review the draft Capacity Building Plan 2016-2025 to be presented to the Work Plan Symposium and inputs to the Implementation Plan Working Group (IPWG)

- Summary of “Activities and Collaborations” Secretariat
- Draft Capacity Building Plan 2016 – 2025 Mark Noort

17h30 Close Workshop**Target Participants**

Institutions active or interested in Earth observations and capacity development

Language

English

Registration

Open meeting, register at: <http://geoss.ezregister.com/>

Venue

WMO
GEO Secretariat
7 bis, avenue de la Paix
Geneva, Geneva 1211
Switzerland

About the facilitators

TBC

Co-organizers

Brazil (INPE)
Switzerland (University of Geneva)
Netherlands (HCP International)
ITC

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