

GEO Work Programme Symposium 2016: Session 7

When Tuesday 3 May 2016 9:00 – 9:45

Session Title Engaging the community Members and POs - National GEOs, Regional coordination, Private sector

1) Purpose: background, topic and objectives of the session

Following the high-level guidance from the 2015 Mexico City Ministerial Declaration and the GEO Strategic Plan 2016-2025: Implementing GEOSS, GEO will continue expanding its outreach to, and deepening its engagement with stakeholder communities, that is Members, Participating Organizations, Regional coordination initiatives and Private sector.

2) Key questions to be addressed in the session

- What are the experiences, benefits and lessons learnt from existing national GEOs?
- What GEO can do collectively to facilitate inter-agency coordination within GEO members?
- How Participating Organizations would leverage GEO to address their challenges and contribute to GEO objectives.
- How would private sector engagement in GEO contribute in bringing GEO forward and create new opportunities?

3) Expected outcomes from the session

Recommendations on actions to facilitate stakeholder engagement.

4) Format of the session and expected audience

Format of the session: panel discussion
Each panelist has 3-5 mins to give his/her perspective on questions to be addressed in this session. The audience could interact with panelists .

5) Speakers

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
1	Xingfa Gu	China
2	Angelica Gutierrez-Magness	AmeriGEOSS
3	Deon Terblanche	WMO
4	Monica Miguel-Lago	EARSC
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6) Chairperson and Rapporteurs

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
Chair:	Robert Samors	GEO Secretariat
Rapporteur:	Andiswa	GEO Secretariat
Rapporteur:	Wenbo Chu	GEO Secretariat

7) Session timeline

<i>time</i>	<i>Ref. to speaker</i>	<i>What</i>
9:00-9:20		Panel discussion
9:20-9:45		Interaction with audience