

GEO Work Programme Symposium 2016: Session 11.8

Session Water Resources Management Breakout Group

Title

When Tuesday 3 May 14.00 – 18.00

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

- a) *Background: The Water SBA has numerous activities, from coordination to products and services. Considering the importance of water for every other SBA and for global programs, it is of importance to efficiently organize these activities and to make sure that needs are fully addressed. IGWCO has produced valuable recommendations that are now the core of the work conducted by CEOSS, GEOGLOWS, and other groups. IGWCO should continue with the task of coordinating inputs.*
- b) *Should Community Activities be folded under a single initiative? Risk of duplicating efforts*
- c) *GEO and SDGs: Pushing the reporting framework to real time. Using the GEO regional approach to define better indicators. – We could utilize information from efforts in ecosystems, agriculture, disaster, and define water indicators related to availability.*
- d) *What mechanism can be implemented to avoid duplication of efforts in other SBAs... for example: should Ecosystem Accounting be doing “Water accounting”, should that be rolled under the water SBA?*
- e) *Objectives: 2 objectives are aimed: 1. Having a clear view on how efficiently organize the different activities and 2. Identifying products and services for other SBAs and global programmes, such as SDG, Post-Sendai, W-E-F, COP 21, RAMSAR, ...*

2) Key questions to be addressed in the session

- *What recommendations from the Water Strategy are being addressed? Who is addressing what? What benefits can be presented by these efforts. Engagement of CEOs*
- *GEOGLOWS: the model for the future Water activities? Should the community activities be integrated under GEOGLOWS. Risk of duplicating efforts.*
- *Use of IGWCO as an effective entity for water coordination*
- *Need of a comprehensive global strategy for capacity building in the water area.*

3) Expected outcomes from the session

1. A possible re-formulation of the Water activities

4) Format of the session and expected audience

- -Keynote by typical provider and by a typical user
- breakout, work groups with 2-3 questions each
- reporting, conclusions

5) Speakers

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
1	Angelica Gutierrez	NOAA
2	Hannele Savela	University of Oulu, Finland
3	Adrian Strauch	University of Bonn
4	To be announced	
5	Dominique Berod	GEO secretariat

6) Chairperson and Rapporteurs

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
Chair: Dominique Berod	GEO Secretariat

7) Session timeline

<i>time</i>	<i>Ref. to speaker</i>	<i>What</i>
14:00 – 14:10	5	Scope
14:10-14:40	1	Water activities and products for general use: the example of GEOGLOWS
14:40-14:55	2	A user's perspective: cold regions
14:55 – 15:10	3	A user's perspective: water quality
15:10-15:30	5	Introduction of the group works
15:30 – 16:00		Coffee break
16:00-17:30		Group works
17:30 – 18:00		Synthesis and conclusions