Group on Earth Observations
Programme Board

Ministerial Summit & GEO Week

#TheEarthTalks
GEO WEEK 2023
Ministerial Summit

6 - 10 NOVEMBER
CAPE TOWN, South Africa

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Event Submission: Any news? When will there be responses?
• 141 submissions for Flash Talks, Showcases and Workshops – target 48 (34%)
• Secretariat screening & evaluating; EDI a factor – responses by end June
• 25 Exhibition requests – responses by end June

Hybrid event?
• In person event with livestreaming

Travel support?
• Yes. Past practice is for 1 person per delegation from less-developed countries

Registration?
• Went live Wednesday

!! GEO Week 2023 !!
GEO Week
6-10 November 2023

Venue
Exhibition
Registration

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GEO Week: Day 1

09:30  Official Opening Ceremony with Notable Speakers
10:30  Coffee Break
11:00  “Flash Talks”

Content: New projects, applications or services that help us listen to the Earth and take action on sustainable development and the triple planetary crisis—including biodiversity, health, climate, disasters, urban, oceans & water, agriculture, SDGs

Format: 10-minute, 3-slide talks to deliver a short, pitch. Open to all across the community: Work Programme, Working Groups, Young People, Indigenous, Industry, Cloud Credits Programmes, etc.

12:00  Open space for flash talk follow ups and networking
12:30  Lunch  * Exhibition Opens *
14:00  Flash talks continued, followed by Open Space For Follow-ups.
15:30  Coffee Break
16:00  Workshops and Technical Meetings (self-organized)
18:00  Networking Social  * Official Exhibition Opening *
**GEO Week: Day 2**

**9:30**  
**Showcase Events**: Share best practices and impact  
*Content*: Best practices and impact stories from across the GEO community that help us listen to the Earth and take action on sustainable development and the triple planetary crisis—including biodiversity, health, climate, disasters, urban, oceans & water, agriculture. Opportunities for Regional GEOs.  
*Format*: 20-minute presentations + 10 minutes of discussion. Open to all across the community: Work Programme, Working Groups, Young People, Indigenous, Industry, Cloud Credits Programmes, etc.

**10:30**  
Coffee Break

**11:00**  
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**16:00**  
**Workshops and Technical Meetings** (Self organized)

**Evening:** Events & Dinners as organized by Embassies, Partners, etc.
**GEO Week: Day 3 – GEO Plenary**

**Opening**
- Welcoming new GEO Members and POs
- Statements by the ExCom Co Chairs and Secretariat Director

**Presentation of the GEO Post 2025 strategy**

**Panel discussions on opportunities:**

Building on GEO Work Programme strengths, each featuring speakers from the GEO community, external partners, young people and other stakeholders

*Emphasis on:*
- Biodiversity and Climate
- Urban Resilience for Heat and Health
- Early Warning for All

**Gala dinner with GEO Awards**
GEO Week: Day 4 – GEO Plenary & Business

Presentation of Ministerial Declaration
Work Programme decisions
Report from ExCom to Plenary

Operational business, for example:
- Welcome to new Members, POs, and Associates
- Financial and Trust Fund Budget items
- Executive Committee Members for 2024
- Programme Board Members for 2024
- Review of the Ministerial Summit agenda
- Announcement of GEO-XXI Plenary location

Review of Plenary Outcomes

Ministerial Reception and Dinner
Programme Board: Clarifications & Initial Comments
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Key Topics
Ministerial Statements
GEO Achievements
GEO Post-2025 Strategy
Perspectives: Youth, Industry, Indigenous Peoples
Equity
Earth Intelligence
and, of course, the
Cape Town Summit Declaration
Ministerial Summit Day

Current Nominations: 25

By region

Americas – 8
Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, USA

Africa – 6
Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Uganda

Asia/Oceania – 5
Australia, Cambodia, China, Japan, S Korea

Europe – 6
EC, France, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Norway

New Developments
SA has begun contacting principals directly to identify relevant ministers, focusing initially on the African region.
SA hosted briefing in Pretoria for Ambassadors.
GEOSec will host briefings in Geneva.
### Ministerial Summit

*Recent but not most updated version*

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MinWG Priorities for MinDec
Be optimistic: Positive tone
Build on progress & be future-focused
Endorse Strategy without repeating it

Structure
New World
New GEO
New Commitments
Ministerial Declaration

Currently
MinDec1.0 ("first-order" draft) is out for first round consultation by GEO Principals

Next
Ministerial Declaration version for distribution to ExCom by [July 3]
Ministerial Declaration 1.0

Hemingway Editor Analysis

Words: 1825
Sentences: 86
Paragraphs: 45
Pages: 4
Grade level: 16
Difficulty: 70 of 86 sentences are hard or very hard

Target is 3 pages; Grade level <14
Key MinWG Discussion Topics: 1 of 2

Progress since Canberra
Focus on items with cross-cutting nature: EDI, Open Knowledge) – both the impact and need to continue progress. Connect these items to impacts (e.g., agriculture, land use)

COVID-19
Don’t overlook it but turn attention to positive progress

Earth Intelligence
Mention term but not entire definition in MinDec; Use the supporting materials (plus Strategy) to help Delegations

Operating Model
Include charge to GEO to develop an enhanced model

Work Programme
Still discussing how to include prominent, priority items
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The Road to Cape Town

Ministerial Declaration alignment with Post-2025 Strategy

Ministerial Summit Package:
Materials (cover note, slide set, etc.) to support briefings to Ministers and Delegations:
- Progress & Highlights
- Clarification of terms and concepts
- Accomplishments
Ministerial Declaration

Programme Board Requests

Programme Board Input to Ministerial WG on MinDec 1.0 by June 23

Programme Board suggestions on priority Work Programme elements to mention in Ministerial Declaration or Summit Package:

• Key element(s) of progress to recognize and/or endorse
• Key elements(s) with strong potential needing call-out
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Discussion with Programme Board

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