

## **Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Purpose**

The Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRR-WG) is convened to promote the use of Earth Intelligence in support of national efforts to build disaster resilience and disaster risk reduction for all disaster cycles, such as disaster preparedness and prevention, mitigation of potential damage, and better management of and recovery from disasters. Serving as the primary GEO liaison to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the Working Group promotes awareness and implementation of relevant global policy frameworks, such as UNDRR Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and the Early Warnings for All Initiative. In this way, the Working Group will support the translation of the Post-2025 GEO Strategy into concrete outputs within the GEO Work Programme.

#### **Duties**

- Establish and coordinate annual workplans, identifying concrete outputs, as well as resource implications and leads among Co-Chairs and members.
- Align Working Group activities with the efforts taking place under the Programme Board on GEO Work Programme engagement, coordination and integration, including via the post-2025 incubators.
- Align Working Group activities with those of other Working Groups, to maximise synergies taking advantage of shared expertise, and improve efficient use of resources available.
- Hold a standing joint Working Group meeting and/or session with other Working Groups, with a theme to be determined, at the annual GEO Symposium and/or Open Data & Open Knowledge (ODOK) Workshop.

#### **Membership**

- Individual membership in the Working Group is by nomination from Principals of GEO Members, Participating Organizations, Associates, as well as leads of Work Programme activities, and Regional GEOs.
- As appropriate, the Programme Board may also invite other qualified individuals to participate as members of the Working Group.
- Participation is encouraged from organizations and bodies relevant to disaster risk reduction and management, including:
  - GEO Work Programme activities;
  - UN and other international organizations;
  - National and regional stakeholders;

- Scientific organizations; and
- Financial institutions and philanthropies.
- In exercising its oversight responsibility, the Programme Board may implement measures to ensure diversity and balance within the Working Group membership. This may include placing limits on the number of members per individual GEO Members, Participating Organizations, Associates, Work Programme activities or Regional GEOs.

### **Working Arrangements**

- The Working Group will consider more flexible structures (i.e. steering and sub-groups), modes of operation (i.e. workplan, on-demand advice, Community of Practices), and membership that are based on the needs of the GEO Work Programme activities and the broader policy landscape within which they operate.
- There will be at least two co-chairs of the Working Group, who will be selected by and from among the Working Group members.
- Regional and diverse representation in alignment with GEO Equality Diversity Inclusion principles are encouraged.
- The Working Group will meet at such times and places as determined by its members and will work mainly through teleconferences and e-mail.
- The Working Group will provide periodic (at least annual) reports on its activities to the Programme Board as part of GEO Work Programme monitoring. It may also bring specific issues to the Programme Board as needed.
- The Working Group may establish subgroups to assist in fulfilling its duties.
- Administrative support to the Working Group will be provided by the GEO Secretariat.

### **Duration**

These Terms of Reference will remain in effect for the period of the 2023-2025 GEO Work Programme. They may be revised with the approval of the Programme Board.