

**GEO Capacity Building Committee (CBC)
12th CBC Meeting – 20 May 2010,
St George's Hotel, Pretoria, Republic of South Africa**

Draft Notes (by Andiswa Mlisa and Hilcéa Ferreira)

THURSDAY, 20 MAY 2010

Session A: Presided by Andiswa Mlisa

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction (*Host and Co-Chairs*)

- Welcome
 - Alan Edwards stepping down as CBC Co-Chair, Jane Shiel will be taking over as the Co-Chair from the European Commission
 - Invitation to attend the AARSE Conference extended to the members of the committee by African Commission
 - 25 participants (Attendance list annexed)
- Purpose of the Meeting
- Objectives and Goals
- Approval of the Agenda

9:15 a.m. Capacity Building in the GEO Regions (*Participants*)

- No presenters in this session

10:45 a.m. BREAK

Session B: Presided by Alan Edwards

11:15 a.m. GEO UIC-CBC CFP (Presentation by Fernando Ramos)

- There is a coordination team working with the secretariat
 - Agriculture – Andiswa Mlisa / Jinlong Fan
 - Water – Kathy Fontaine / Doug Cripe
 - Health – Ana Casals / Masami Onoda
 - Energy – Thierry Ranchin / Fernando Ramos
- The deadline for proposals was 15 May 2010
 - 66 proposals received (24% agriculture, 55% water, 18% health, 3% energy)
 - announcement to be made on 15 September 2010; results will be published in the GEO website
 - What are people asking for? Based on the analysis of the concept proposals, people mainly ask for money and data and some ask for technical support
 - What sort of figures are they asking for? – 0 to one million dollars requested.
 - When the funding doesn't come, what strategies do we have for mitigation?
 - Big responsibilities for reviewers in this phase to select the projects that can be easily supported.
 - Should we start with looking for budget or giving technical support to the proponents
 - Approach GEOeye and PlanetEarth programmes
 - Can something be done now to start the brokerage process? Yes, Jay Pearlman and Rick Lawford are assisting in this. Abstracts of proposals will be made available to start this process. Everyone welcome to look at these and start the brokerage.
 - PZ – setup a fund from donors like a data repository
 - NF – use the CFP to build capacity in developing countries with regards to technical capacity and language barriers – puts these organisations at a disadvantage. The CFP has received proposals from different countries and continents, for this we would need a UN infrastructure. Getting the required expertise is the difficulty in the different languages.

- Donors have procedures and timelines? At the end of this process we will have a database of potential projects that could answer proposal calls when they come out.
- GJ - Task in articulating needs in earth observations which make them more likely to be funded.
 - Communicate with the applicants to look out for other funders and opportunities come up and let GEO know.
- - After this, brokerage starts – Group has to ensure that the support to this brokerage materialises.
 - See also summary slides

11:15 a.m. Review of GEO Task Symposium: Implications for CBC Tasks (Presentation by FR)

- Discussions to be focused on 2 main topics: update of current WP; new 2012-2015 WP
- Monitoring and evaluation for 2010 is assessing GEO's performance based on what was said in Cape Town
- After the Ministerial the M&E will be linked to the Targets etc.
- Tyra proposes key questions to be answered for each task: see summary slides

12:00 p.m. CB-09-01: Resource (or Seville Roadmap) Mobilization & GEO UIC-CBC CFP

- See summary slides
- Jose Marques suggests to organize meeting with potential donors

12:15 p.m. CB-09-02: Building Individual Capacity in Earth Observations

- Yolanda to request information from the Task Lead of CB-09-02b to answer the 5 questions
- Update Data Democracy with sub-task CB-09-02d
- Consideration – group tasks into conceptual themes – e.g. group all “summer schools”

12:30 p.m. LUNCH

Session C: Presided by Hilcea Ferreira

13:45 p.m. Review of GEO Task Symposium: Implications for CBC Tasks (continued)

13:45 p.m. CB-09-03: Building Institutional Capacity to Use Earth Observations

- Review of the Task description inline with the roadmap and update work plan accordingly

14:00 p.m. CB-09-04: Capacity Building Needs and Gap Assessment

- see summary slides

14:15 p.m. CB-09-05: Infrastructure Development and Technology Transfer for Information

- see summary slides

14:30 p.m. CB-10-01: Building Capacity through Outreach and Awareness Raising

- see summary slides

14:45 p.m. BREAK

Session D: Presided by Ana Casals

15:15 a.m. CBC participation in the 2010 GEO Ministerial (Presentation by Bruno Greco)

- Capacity Building GEO Ministerial Showcase
 - Commission may pay for the video
 - The concept has been proposed by Ministerial Task Force and endorsed by Excom
 - EXCOM has decided on the theme of Food Security
 - Its about Earth Observation data not about GEO
 - Real individuals will feature in the film rather than actors
 - Text and action to go together (speaker should appear in the picture)

- Constraints to be given to people who are to make the video
- The examples used must show a GEO added value,
- CBC participation in the GEO Ministerial Exhibition
 - Telecon of the Ministerial Showcase and Exhibition Task Force in 2 weeks
 - AM send email to request participation to the exhibition, deadline to be 28 May 2010
 - Project & mode of display; deadline for material to be ready

16:45 a.m. **Dates and Places of Next Meetings (Secretariat/Co-Chairs)**

2010 -2011 Committee meeting plans:

- 2010 – 13th CBC Meeting – need for one in September / October 2010? Conclusion: Not needed.
- Meeting of the task force may be required
- 2011 – Brazil? Feb/March 2011
- PZ offered Co-located 2011 in Salzburg, Austria
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17:15 p.m. **AOB and Discussions**

- The co-chairs had a short meeting with the Eye on Earth_team and a common purpose needs to be found also Norberto Fernandez gave a brief background of the groups activities and intensions which are not yet clarified.

17:45 p.m. **ADJOURN**