Hello, UIC members --

In support of the April UIC meeting in Geneva, I want to send you some materials to support the discussion of US-06-01.

Schedule
As you know, US-06-01 calls on GEO/UIC to "establish a process for identifying critical Earth observation priorities common to many SBAs".

This is a general schedule for how we plan to examine the different processes, identify the priorities for each SBA, and then compare across the SBAs.

1. Nov.06 (Bonn): UIC members form groups on each SBA (CP if it exists) - these are the 'SBA process development groups'
2. Nov'06-March'07: Each group develops a possible processes to identify critical Earth observation priorities for its respective SBA topic
3. April 2007 UIC Meeting: Each group presents their process. UIC compares the processes for strengths/weaknesses; UIC makes decision on the process to follow for each SBA; UIC makes decision on who will conduct process for each SBA (CP if possible)
4. April-November 2007: Conduct the processes for each SBA topic (CP conducts it, if possible)
5. Late 2007: UIC to compare observation priorities across the SBAs; identify ones common to many SBAs; submit 2007 priorites to GEO Sec. I have attached

Geneva Discussion of US-06-01
We have time on the agenda for the topic of US-06-01. The co-chairs have asked me to lead the discussion, and this is the general approach I suggest we follow.
A. I will give a very brief introduction to the task, including the five-step schedule above.
B. Each of the groups will present its process for its specific SBA (approx. 5 minutes each)
C. UIC will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each. UIC will decide on a process to follow for the SBAs. We will also need to determine who will conduct the process for each SBA.
D. If UIC cannot reach a decision quickly on a common approach, the UIC Co-chairs may ask the process coordinators to prepare a recommendation to present to the UIC on Day 2.
Status
Some of the SBA process groups provided me with a copy of their process. I have attached those for your review prior to the meeting. Of the 9 SBAs, I have received processes from the following groups: Water, Energy, Weather/Climate, and Biodiversity/Ecosystems. I believe that the Health, Agriculture, and Disaster groups have a proposed process to present; however, I did not receive a final version to include in this email.

Thank you to all those that helped in preparing the proposed processes. I am looking forward to discussing these and making decisions in Geneva.

Best regards,
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Note: This email is only part of US-06-01. In addition to these materials, GEO UIC will also be discussing Hans-Peter Plug's proposal in our discussions of US-06-01.

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