Engaging the Community

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Task Allocation

ADC to oversee construction of GEOSS architecture & focus on specific Tasks

CBC to promote capacity of both providers & users to engage in GEOSS; focuses on certain Tasks but also confirms more broadly that all Tasks contribute to CB

STC & UIC to have more cross-cutting mandates ie. review Work Plan to ensure that GEOSS fully reflects user needs and best S&T available.

Together with CBC, STC & UIC periodically assess how the Work Plan is progressing from their unique vantage points, possibly defining a set of priority Tasks.
Guiding the Work Plan

Committees rely on interactions with Task Leads, reviews of Task Sheets and progress reports issued periodically by the Secretariat.

Provide recommendations for corrective actions when needed.

Committee also plays an important role in helping identify Leads and contributors for all Work Plan Tasks.

Provide expertise, ideas, contacts, recommendations and practical support to the Task teams.
Guiding the Work Plan

UI C helps ensure that user needs are reflected in the Work Plan Tasks deliverables.

These diverse user groups need to be engaged actively in the design and construction of GEOSS so that it delivers what they truly need.
GCI and Data Sharing:  
Two Cornerstones of the 2009-2011 Work Plan

The 4 Committees need to make essential contribution to advancing two GEOSS cornerstones:

- GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI)
- Implementation of GEOSS Data Sharing Principles

ADC plays a key role in guiding the construction of these two cornerstones, while other Committees provide additional oversight from their particular perspectives.
GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI)

Including web-based portal, clearinghouse for searching data, information and services, registries of GEOSS components, standards and best practices

Contributions from each Committee made via GCI Initial Operating Capacity (IOC) Task Force:
CBC on proper development of GEOPortal CB component
STC on best scientific knowledge & technology
UIC on data set, product and tool specifications
Engaging the GEO Community

CBC, STC & UIC to contribute to Work Plan implementation by engaging users & producers of Earth observations and reaching out to resource providers and other interested groups.
Engaging the GEO Community

Communities of Practice and Partnership Development

- CoPs are a priority mechanism for engaging users
- Deserve particular attention because they provide Leads and participants for many Task teams, offer strategic insights and fresh ideas, and promote dialogue between the users & providers of Earth observations.
- UIC members directly interact with CoPs as a way of identifying user needs, in particular for cross-cutting issues.
- Obtain and analyze information provided by national, regional and project-level surveys
Identifying Synergies between Societal Benefit Areas

- UIC to identify cross-cutting issues and data sets that could strengthen synergies between societal benefit areas.

- Develop and maintain processes for identifying critical Earth observation needs common to more than one societal benefit area by interacting with scientific and technical experts.
User-Driven Approach

Work Plan takes full account of IGOS transition into GEO:

• Atmospheric Chemistry, Carbon, Geohazards, Coastal, Cryosphere, Land, Ocean and Water
• Themes evolved into Communities of Practice

Transition marks start of a reinvigorated effort to ensure that:

• Users are engaged with GEO
• Strongly involved in implementation
Thank you!

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