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Proposed New Initiative

Call for Participation: *Project Proposals for Earth Observations in Decision Support*

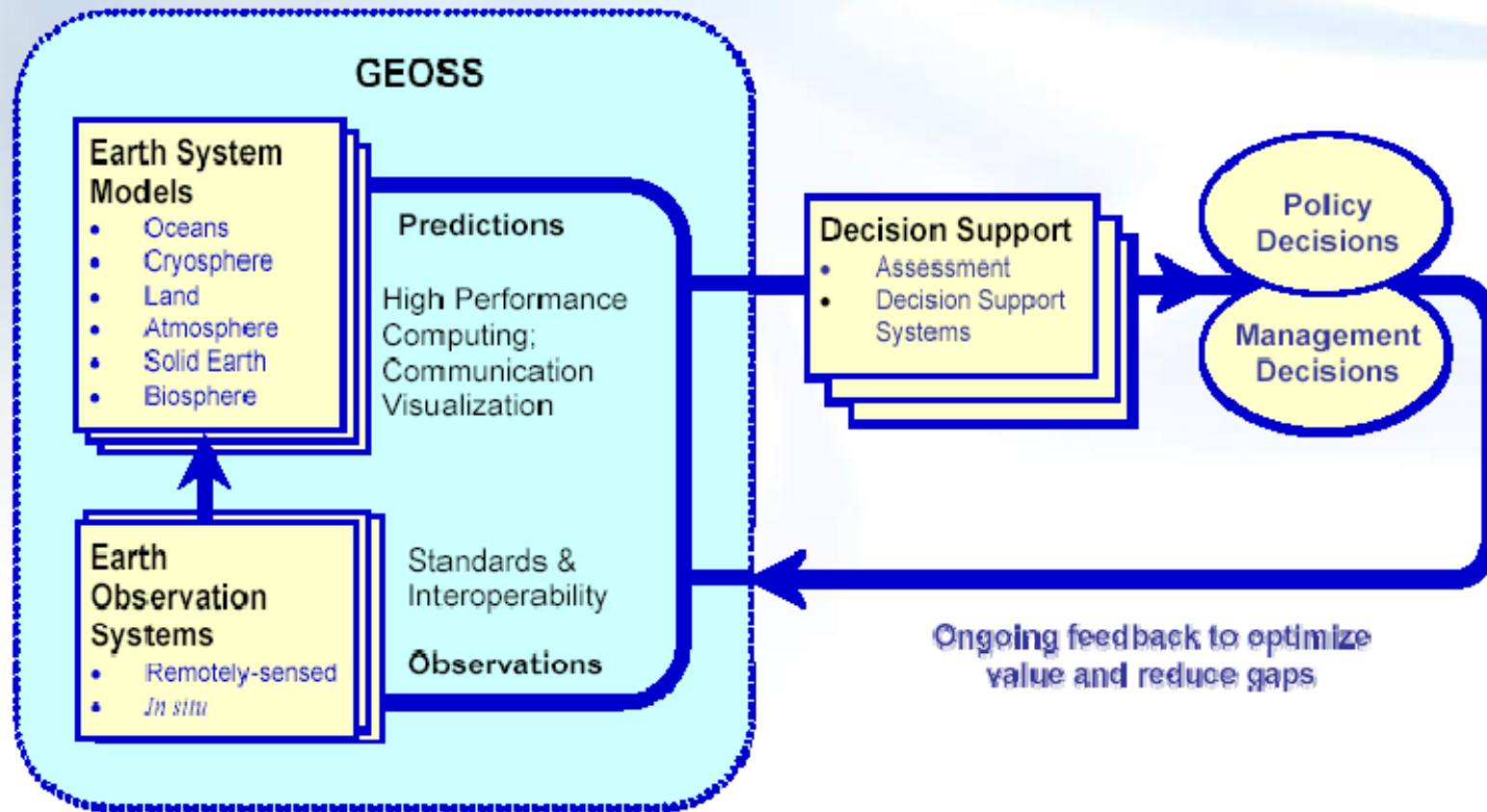
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Proposal

A Call for Participation (CFP) that seeks proposals for projects to apply Earth observations to improve policy decisions and management decisions.

Specific focus on projects helping end users in developing countries apply Earth observations.

Proposed joint effort by GEO User Interface Committee and Capacity Building Committee to manage this CFP



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Proposal: GEO Tasks and UIC/CBC Roles

Proposed CFP supports GEO Tasks

US-06-02 (Communities of Practice)

CB-07-01a (Engaging Donors).

For projects involving Developing Countries:

UIC and CBC would attempt to match promising projects with potential donor organizations.

For other projects:

UIC would match projects with experts in Earth observations and applications; use of GEO Portal



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Proposal: SBA Focus of CFP

CFP could initially focus on a few SBAs (rather than all SBAs)

Proposed set of SBAs:

- Agriculture (including Forests & Forest Biodiversity)
- Energy (especially Renewable Energy)
- Human Health (esp. Air Quality and Infectious Diseases)
- Water

Work in activities with ADC as appropriate



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Three Types of Projects

Type I: New Applications Projects

For organizations with limited experience, capacity, resources in applying Earth observations to decision making. These projects are primarily focused at supporting developing countries.

Type II: Applications Improvements

For organizations with some experience applying Earth observations to decision making; Need assistance with new types of Earth observations.

Type III: Applications Examples

For organizations that have successfully applied Earth observations to their decision making. Want to demonstrate their application and help other organizations adopt the application. (Encourage these organizations to record their application in GEO registries.)



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CFP Process & Project Phases

Stage 1: Proposal Development.

GEO announces CFP; teams submit proposals

Stage 2: Proposal Review and Selection.

UIC, CBC, others assess feasibility of projects; pursue as many as possible

Stage 3: Project Initiation.

UIC & CBC attempt to match projects with technical experts and funding organizations. Kick-off meeting with training sessions

Stage 4: Project Reviews and Development.

Review projects periodically to assess progress

Stage 5: Project Demonstrations and Showcase.

Organize a “Earth Obs. Decision Support Showcase” at GEO Plenary



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CFP Proposal: Discussion

- Interest in such a CFP
- Preliminary Draft of CFP needs review
- Points of Contact



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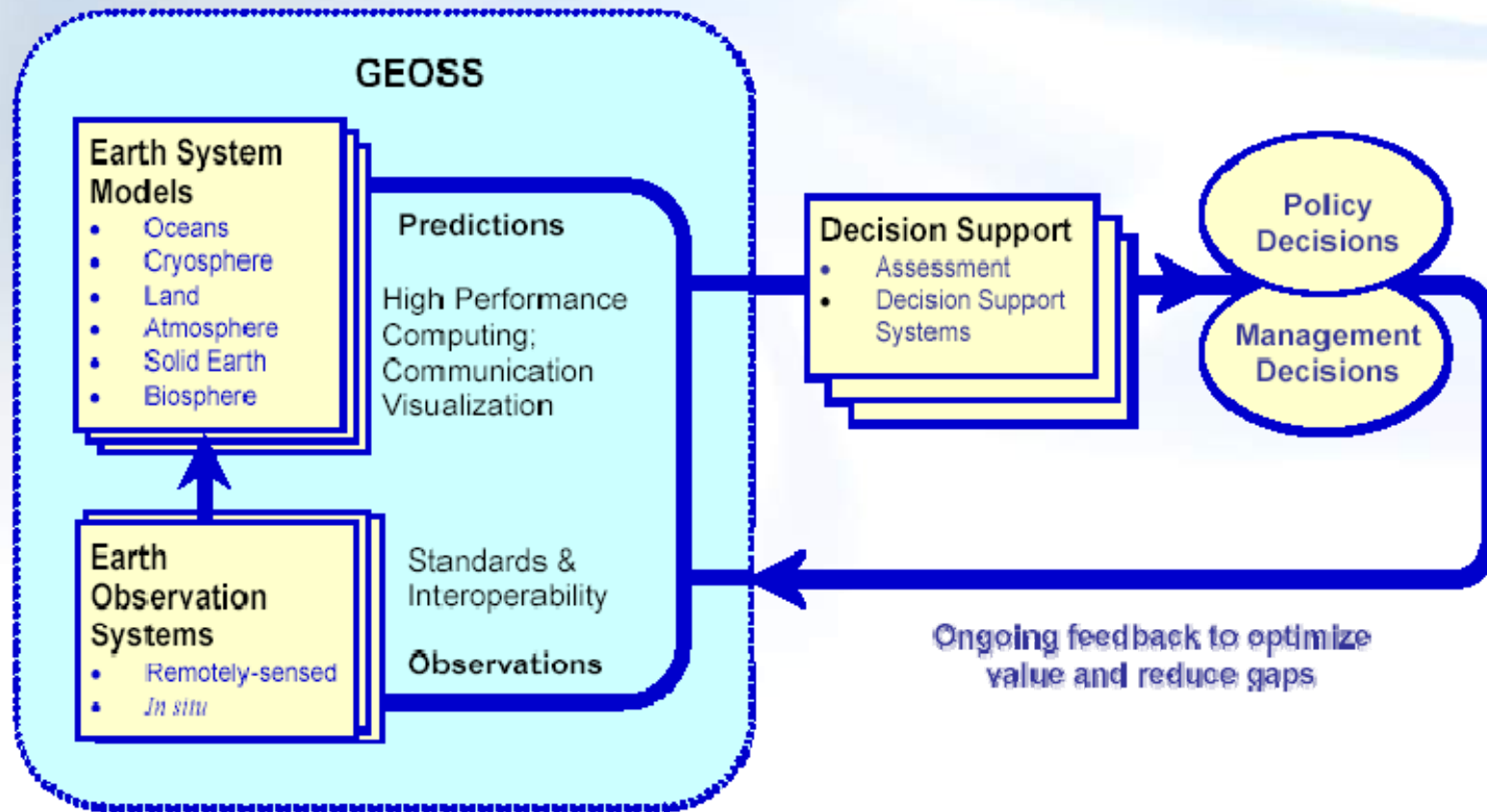
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