



**Group on Earth Observations:
*10th Meeting of the
User Interface Committee***

Sophia Antipolis, France

26-27 February 2009



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User Interface Committee

The GEO Secretariat has called on the User Interface Committee to take a stronger, leadership role to guide GEO in becoming a more user-oriented organization. The purpose of this 10th UIC meeting is to set or review specific steps that UIC Members can take to lead GEO in better engaging users to develop GEOSS and achieve societal benefits of GEOSS & Earth observations.

The objectives of this 10th UIC meeting:

- **Review UIC Committee efforts on major GEO activities the UIC is responsible for & make adjustments, if necessary**
- **Discuss and initiate development of a GEO UIC 2009-2015 Activities Plan**
- **Review UIC involvement in ADC Architecture Implementation Pilot (AIP) Scenarios and make any adjustments/recommendations, if necessary**
- **Review UIC/CBC Call for Proposals and UIC member support**
- **Discuss GEO Workplan, especially for user engagement activities and current or possible UIC involvement**
- **Review User Assessment of GEO Portals & make necessary decisions**
- **Discuss GEO UIC membership, including geographic breadth, goals for broader 2 involvement, and targets for increased membership**



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Agenda – 26 February 2009

<i>9h – 9h30</i>	<i>Registration and coffee</i>
9h30 – 9h45	Welcome by Mines ParisTech Director Representative
9h45 – 10h	Objectives of the meeting
10h – 10h30	Report on 9 th UIC Meeting in Bucharest
<i>10h30 – 11h</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11h – 12h30	UIC Activities Plan – Preparation for next 2 year UIC plan
<i>12h30 – 14h15</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14h15 – 15h	AIP Presentation & ADC AIP Scenario – Energy
15h – 15h30	ADC AIP Scenario – Disasters (Telecon)
15h30 – 16h	ADC AIP Scenario – Air Quality (Telecon)
<i>16h – 16h30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16h30 – 17h15	Report on Activities in US-09-01
17h15 – 17h30	Review Actions & Deliverables from Day 1
<i>17h30 – 18h30</i>	<i>Ice Breaker</i>



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10h – 10h45	UIC/CBC Call for Proposals
<i>10h45 – 11h</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11h – 12h	User Assessment of the Portals with the IOC
12h – 12h30	SBA Reports
<i>12h30 – 14h</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14h – 15h30	Preparation of the 11 th UIC Meeting in Stresa, Italy
15h30 – 16h	Relook to the Objectives of the Meeting Review Actions & Deliverables
16h – 16h15	Concluding remarks
<i>16h15</i>	<i>Adjourn</i>



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Specific Decisions & Deliverables for 10th UIC Meeting:

1. List of specific projects & achievements UIC will deliver to Plenary VI
2. Draft of UIC Activity Plan
3. Writing Team and Delivery Date for Next Version of UIC Activity Plan
4. UIC Team & Delivery Date to Compose User Types for each SBA
5. Dates for UIC meeting in May at ISRSE in Stresa, Italy
-- 1+ UIC members to help develop agenda
6. Dates & location for UIC meeting in August/September
-- 1+ UIC members to help develop agenda
7. UIC Team & Delivery date for Analysis of User Engagement information in GEO Task Sheets
8. Date UIC will deliver list of specific projects & achievements UIC for 2010 Ministerial meeting
9. UIC Members to support specific activities in UIC/CBC Call for Proposals
10. UIC Team & Delivery date for Proposed UIC Membership Goals



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UIC Terms of Reference (part 1)

Purpose

The User Interface Committee will engage users in the nine societal benefit areas in the development, implementation, and use of a sustained GEOSS that provides the data and information required by user groups on national, regional and global scales.

Objectives

1. Enable GEO to address the needs and concerns of a broad range of user communities in developing and developed countries, across issues and trans-disciplinary needs, with a particular focus on fostering new or less organized communities.
2. Enable GEO, in the implementation of GEOSS, to engage a continuum of users, from producers to the final beneficiaries of the data and information
3. Facilitate linkages and partnerships between established communities of practice and new groups or organizations interested in collaborating.



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UIC Terms of Reference (part 2)

Approach and Functions

The User Interface Committee will work with all end-user communities, to ensure that the best intelligence and information are available to support GEO, and to contribute to the realization of benefits through GEOSS implementation. Its work will be coordinated with the Secretariat, consistent with the decisions of the GEO Plenary, on those activities requiring direct efforts by GEO Members and Participating Organizations, at national, regional and global level, without duplicating the work of existing organizations and structures.

These activities could be:

1. Make recommendations to GEO to improve the delivery of targets identified in the GEOSS Reference document.
2. Encourage the development of communities of practice.
3. Work with the communities of practice to identify existing inventories of major user requirements, their present status and gaps to be filled, including those carried out by existing mechanisms.
4. Recommend a mechanism to identify, document, and prioritize requirements of major stakeholders for current and future Earth observations, and review and update these requirements through consultation with stakeholders and in coordination with the GEO Science and Technology Committee.
5. Monitor and report to Plenary on the achievement of milestones and deliverables in the implementation of relevant elements of the GEO annual work plans.