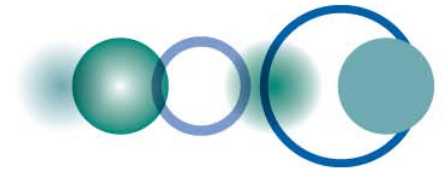


UIC Draft Activity Plan

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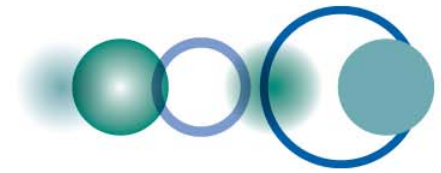
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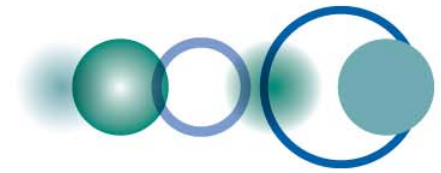
Topics

- Background
- Overview and Activity Detail
- Outstanding Comments
- Actions



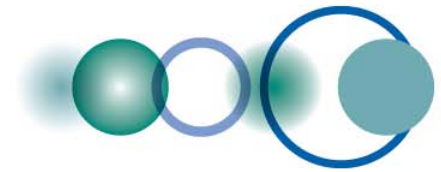
Background

- Idea presented at UIC meeting in Bucharest
 - Goal to have something for internal use that matched UIC activities to important issues within GEO over a specific time frame (initially two years)
- Draft prepared for UIC meeting in Sophia Antipolis
- Comments incorporated into draft distributed to the UIC in late March
- Telecon held April 8, more comments received and incorporated (from UIC, GEO Sec, all Committees and M&E WG)
- Another draft (this one) circulated this week
- Spoke with the Secretariat this week – those comments and any from today/this week will go into the final version



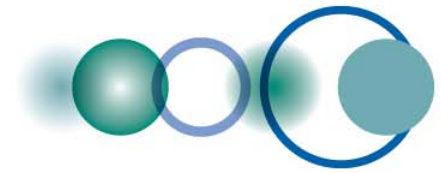
Overview

- AP is internal to the UIC
 - For planning and execution
 - To ensure our activities are aligned with what is important to us and to GEO as a whole in a given time frame
- The Plan has 4 sections
 - First three are context, but very important
 - Section 4 is the set of activities
- Tables at the end will be filled in last
- Categories were best fit and might be revisited later
 - Categories are more for convenience
 - The activities are the important part



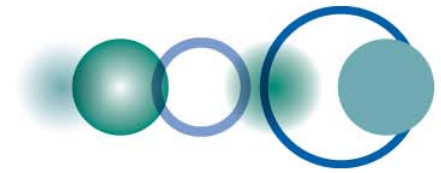
Activity Detail

- Activity set 1 ***Support of GEO Work Plan, Targets, and Events***
 - The activities in this category address efforts to ensure user-oriented perspectives in GEO tasks, UIC support to GEO targets and task evaluation efforts, and UIC contributions to major GEO events and achievements.
 - Includes work to review the tasks and determine which ones might benefit from or need UIC involvement more than others
- Activity set 2 ***Communities of Practice***
 - The activities in this category encourage the development, identification, or incorporation of various communities into the GEOSS framework to enhance the functionality and usability of GEOSS.
 - Includes current COP work



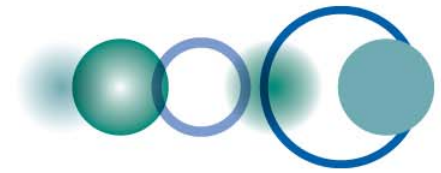
Activity Detail

- Activity set 3 ***User Needs and Requirements***
 - The activities in this category enable the UIC to better characterize users' needs for Earth observations and user-oriented tools and to better interact with user communities in all the SBAs.
 - Includes user type analysis and various forum ideas
- Activity set 4 ***GEOSS Applications and Societal Benefits***
 - The activities in this category enable the UIC to better characterize users' needs for Earth observations and user-oriented tools and to better interact with user communities in all the SBAs.
 - Focuses the needs and requirements into applications and tools



Activity Detail

- Activity set 5 ***Key Cross-Committee Actions***
 - The activities in this category are specific actions generated by (or in consultation with) other GEO Committees and Working Groups, the C4, and other entities, and which must incorporate expertise from the user perspective in order to be successful. They may also result from or contribute to other activities in this Activity Plan.
 - Tracks specific actions from other committees, including the GCI evaluation.
- Activity set 6 ***Outreach and Training***
 - The activities in this category enable the UIC to work with identified user communities, whether actively engaged or not, to bring their expertise, experience, and contributions into the GEOSS framework. The category also supports efforts to leverage existing networks within GEO to reach users.
 - Includes efforts to put on workshops and showcases for users, perhaps by users



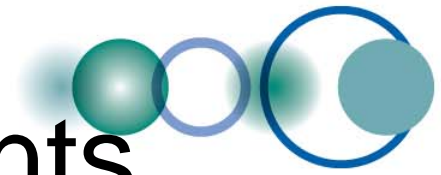
Activity Detail

- Activity set 7 ***UIC Management***
 - The activities in this category enable the UIC to manage its internal activities efficiently and effectively by ensuring an appropriate level of reporting and communication and improving UIC productivity.
 - Includes committee best practices and improving internal committee processes

Outstanding Comments

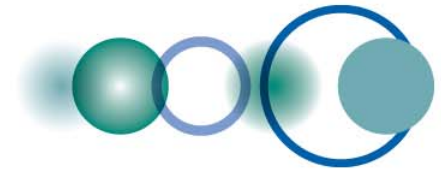


- From GEO Secretariat discussion
 - There are many activities but not many active UIC participants.
 - Yes and 16 of the 36 activities are already underway at various levels; the rest may be picked up by the Committee.
 - 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.1.6, 4.1.7, 4.2.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.5.1, 4.5.2, 4.5.3, 4.7.1, 4.7.3, 4.7.4
 - Hopefully this Plan will draw more membership, as will our efforts next week here at ISRSE
 - The Plan needs to support the completion of the Work Plan tasks
 - Section 4.1 contains two activities explicitly supporting the Work Plan (more later today) via a comprehensive review and analysis of the tasks from the UIC perspective.



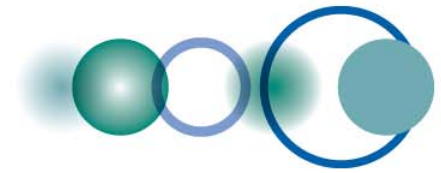
Outstanding Comments

- From GEO Secretariat discussions
 - ‘Outreach and Training’ are actually mandates of different committees
 - Recommend changing the wording to provide recommendations on user-related outreach and training in conjunction with the other organizations
 - Section 4.7 is different from the others and might be removed.
 - This section sets up internal UIC operations and may disappear from future Work Plans if we determine we want to do that.
 - These processes need to happen, though, and will save a lot of work in the future.



Actions

- UIC discuss today
 - If possible, adopt today with the members here – or
 - Adopt by the end of the week at the latest through email
 - Would like to focus discussion on the contents and not necessarily how to solve certain activities.
 - Determine priorities????
- Begin signing up for activities
- Provide comments to Kathy Fontaine by Wednesday, May 6
- Baseline the AP, complete tables, and distribute (Kathy)



Draft Priorities

- Two tiers of activities
 - Tier 1 – activities that support existing tasks or efforts that are instrumental to tasks
 - 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5?
 - Tier 2 – activities that are longer term or support more than one task/are more foundational
 - 4.4, 4.6, 4.7?
- Comments????



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Questions? Discussion?

Thank you!

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