GEO WORK PLAN
SYMPOSIUM
2010

17-19 May 2010
Pretoria, South Africa

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday 17 May

08:30  1. Opening Event – GEO South Africa (Plenary Session)

Details to be announced
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12:00  Lunch

13:00  2. Work Plan Symposium – Why, How and What For? (Plenary Session)

Introduction
Objectives/Deliverables:
• Work Plan Implementation: GCI registration, data sharing, connection of (sub)tasks
• Beijing Ministerial Summit: Contribution to showcases, exhibitions, other?
• 2011 Work Plan Update: Possible merger of selected sub-tasks to improve coordination/reduce duplication? Improvement of Task description and/or distribution?

13:30  3. Towards Improved Coordination WITHIN GEOSS Areas (Parallel Sessions)

5 Parallel Sessions
a. Architecture, Data Management
b. Capacity Building, Science and Technology, User Engagement
c. Disasters, Water, Agriculture
d. Weather, Climate, Energy
e. Health, Ecosystems, Biodiversity

Within each parallel session, taking each overarching Task in turn
Individual (sub)task Presentations
(5-10 min each; slide template to be provided to harmonize input)
Follow-up Discussion to Improve Synergies
Focus on Work Plan Implementation and 2011 Work Plan Update
Development of Syntheses at Overarching Level

18:00  Adjourn
Tuesday 18 May

09:00  3. Towards Improved Coordination WITHIN GEOSS Areas (Parallel Sessions; cont’)

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14:00  4. Towards Improved Coordination ACROSS GEOSS Areas (Plenary Session)

Presentations of Parallel Session Syntheses/Overarching Task Progress Reports
a. Architecture, Data Management
b. Capacity Building, Science and Technology, User Engagement
c. Disasters, Water, Agriculture

d. Weather, Climate, Energy
e. Health, Ecosystems, Biodiversity

Discussion to further Explore Synergies across the Whole Work Plan
Consolidation of Syntheses

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Wednesday 19 May

09:00  4. Towards Improved Coordination ACROSS GEOSS Areas (Plenary Session; cont’)

Presentations of Parallel Session Syntheses/Overarching Task Progress Reports
d. Weather, Climate, Energy
e. Health, Ecosystems, Biodiversity

Discussion to further Explore Synergies across the Whole Work Plan
Consolidation of Syntheses

13:00  Lunch

14:00  5. Follow-up Discussion (Plenary Session)

Focus on:
Beijing Ministerial Summit
Work Plan Implementation
2011 Work Plan Update

17:00  6. Wrap-up and Conclusion (Plenary Session)

Summary of Outcomes
Any Other Business

17:30  Adjourn