Review of Meeting Outcomes

Thursday, 22 November 2012
Convene at 09:00

1 Opening of the session
  1.1 Welcome Address by Dr Leonel Perondi, Director General, INPE
  1.2 Opening Remarks
      • Manuela Soares, Director, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission, (Chair of the Session)
      • Jianlin Cao, Vice Minister, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People’s Republic of China
      • Philemon Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa
      • Kathryn Sullivan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States of America
      • Barbara Ryan, Director, GEO Secretariat
  1.3 Administrative Announcements
  1.4 Adoption of Agenda (Document 1 (Rev1)) (for acceptance) ACCEPTED with one change, item 4 moved to after the coffee break
  1.5 Recognition of New Members (Document 2) (for information) One new member acknowledged – Côte d’Ivoire
  1.6 Statements from New Members
  1.7 Recognition of Participating Organizations (Document 3 (Rev1)) (for acceptance) ICA, UNCCD, WDS recognized as Participating Organizations. SWF recognized as Observer
  1.8 Approval of GEO-VIII Report (Document 4) (for acceptance) ACCEPTED

10:15-10:45 Opening of the Exhibition
   and Coffee Break

Switzerland announces its intention to host GEO-X and the 2013 Ministerial Summit. The offer is accepted.
2 GEOSS Implementation

2.1 Assessment of Progress
- Target Assessment (Document 5) (for acceptance) ACCEPTED with comments noted by IBs.
- Task Assessment (Document 6) (for acceptance) ACCEPTED with comments noted by IBs.

2.2 3rd Evaluation Report (Document 7) (for acceptance) ACCEPTED and Monitoring & Evaluation Outlook (Document 8) (for acceptance) ACCEPTED with comment from the UK.

2.3 GEO 2012-2015 Work Plan Update (Document 9) (for acceptance) ACCEPTED as a living document.

2.4 GEO 2012-2015 Work Plan Implementation Highlights

2.5 Featured Initiatives
- Blue Planet
- AfriGEOSS (Document 10) (for information)

12:30 Lunch, Reconvene at 14:00

2.6 Actions Arising from GEO-VIII
- Global Forest Observation Initiative (GFOI) (Document 11) (for consultation) Proposal to transform the Task Force into the GFOI Steering Committee is endorsed.
- GEO Global Agricultural Monitoring (GEO GLAM) (Document 12) (for consultation)

2.7 Public Private Partnership (Document 14) (for consultation)

3 GEO Post-2015 (Document 15 (Rev1)) (for consultation)

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

3 GEO Post-2015 (Document 15 (Rev1)) (Continued – Discussion)

18:00 Adjourn and Official Reception
Friday, 23 November 2012

Convene at 08:30

3 GEO Post-2015 (Continued – Summary and Conclusions)

4 Announcement of GEO-X and Preparation for the 2013 Ministerial Offer from Switzerland to host the Ministerial Summit and GEO-X – acclaimed by plenary

   Terms of reference of the Ministerial Working Group accepted by plenary

5 Member and Participating Organization Statements (for information)

Delegations that wish to speak may make short statements (3 minutes) focusing on the value added benefits of their participation in GEO.

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

5 Member and Participating Organization Statements (continued)

6 Financial Reports To include separate financial information for “special initiatives”


   6.2 Interim Report on Income and Expenditure 2012 (January to August) (Document 17 (Rev1)) (for information)

   6.3 Secretariat Operations Budget for 2013 (Document 18 (Rev1)) (for acceptance) ACCEPTED

12:30 Lunch, Reconvene at 14:00
7 Report of the Executive Committee to Plenary (2012) (Document 19) *for acceptance*
   ACCEPTED

8 Presentation of the Nominees for the Executive Committee
   - Europe: European Commission (Co-Chair), Estonia, United Kingdom
   - Americas: USA (Co-Chair), Argentina, Canada
   - Asia/Oceania: China (Co-Chair), Japan, Korea, New Zealand
   - Africa: Republic of South Africa (Co-Chair), Nigeria
   - CIS: Russian Federation

9 Rules of Procedure Update
   9.1 Membership of Implementation Boards
   9.2 Adoption of Rules of Procedure (Document 20 *for acceptance*)  ACCEPTED

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11 Concluding Remarks

16:30 Adjourn