

Review of GEO-V Outcomes

1. Acknowledgement of four new Members: Turkey, Estonia, the Bahamas, Peru;
2. Recognition of five new Participating Organizations: DANTE, GLOBE, ICIMOD, IIASA and UNECA. The Executive Committee was asked to present a note to Plenary elaborating the expectations of GEO Members regarding the added-value of GEO Participating Organisations;
3. Acceptance of GEO-IV Report (Document 3);
4. Acceptance of the Report on GEOSS Common Infrastructure (Document 5);
5. Establishment of a Data Sharing Principles Task Force comprising GEO Members and including the current Task team;
6. Acceptance of GEO BON Implementation Overview as work in progress (Document 7);
7. Acceptance of the 2007-2009 Work Plan Progress Report (Document 8);
8. Comments on “Strategic Targets: GEOSS Implementation by 2015” (Document 10) to be sent to the GEO Secretariat by 31 January 2009. The document should then be updated by the Target Task Team and reviewed by the Executive Committee at its 15th meeting. The process should be concluded during 2009, with the updated Strategic Targets submitted to GEO-VI for acceptance.
9. Acceptance of the 2009-2011 Work Plan as a living document, subject to the 2009-2011 Work Plan being updated in early 2009 and taking account of the revised GEOSS Strategic Targets and the work on Performance Indicators. Written comments on version 3 of the 2009-2011 GEO Work Plan should be sent to the GEO Secretariat by 31 December 2008. The Executive Committee should oversee the update process, reporting to GEO Principals on the outcome of its 15th meeting and circulating the updated version of the GEO 2009-2011 Work Plan to the GEO Community (Document 12);
10. Acceptance of the Document “Completion of IGOS-P Transition” (Document 13);
11. Renewal of Executive Committee Membership:
 - Europe: European Commission (Co-Chair), Norway (1 year), France (2 years);
 - Americas: USA (Co-Chairs), Argentina (1 year), Belize (1 year);
 - Asia/Oceania: China (Co-Chair), Australia, Korea;
 - Africa: South Africa (Co-Chair), Uganda;
 - CIS: Russian Federation.

The Executive Committee should prepare a paper setting out possible options for the expansion of the Executive Committee, to be circulated to GEO Principals after the Committee’s 15th meeting, and presented for discussion at GEO-VI;

12. Acceptance of the Report of the Executive Committee (Document 14);
13. Acceptance of the 2007 Financial Statement (Document 15);
14. Acceptance of the Report of the External Auditor. The Secretariat should respond to Recommendation 3 (Document 16);

15. Acceptance of the Report on Income and Expenditure 2008 (Document 17(Rev1)). Secretariat should explore ways of reducing spending without affecting core activities and to work with the informal financial review team to identify new sources of funding;
16. Acceptance of the Secretariat Operations Budget for 2009 (Document 18(Rev1)). Secretariat to prepare Rev2 integrating additional pledges;
17. Renewal of GEO Committees on Architecture and Data, Capacity Building, Science and Technology and User Interface;
18. Dissolution of the Working Group on Tsunamis;
19. Creation of the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group. Executive Committee to oversee the finalization of the Terms of Reference in accordance with comments made at GEO-V (Document 11). Italy volunteered to be a member of the Working Group;
20. Recognition of Committee Co-Chairs:
 - STC: Australia, European Commission, Germany, Italy, South Africa, COSPAR;
 - ADC: China, European Commission, Japan, USA, CEOS, IEEE, WMO;
 - UIC: European Commission, France, Germany, USA, IEEE;
 - CBC: Brazil, European Commission, Spain, South Africa, UNESCO;
21. Acceptance of changes to the Rules of Procedure: Secretariat Arrangements-Procedures to be added as Annex E, removal of Appendix 5, Annex B – ToR Tsunami Working Group;
22. Acceptance of USA's invitation to host GEO-VI in 2009 (Document 19);
23. Note was taken of the offers of China and Korea to host GEO-VII and the Ministerial Summit.