

**Group on Earth Observations  
Tenth Plenary Session – GEO-X  
Geneva, Switzerland, 15-16 January 2014**

**Review of Meeting Outcomes**

**Wednesday, 15 January 2014**

*Convened at 09:00*

**1 Opening of the session**

1.1 Welcome from Switzerland

1.2 Opening Remarks

- Kathryn Sullivan, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Acting NOAA Administrator, Department of Commerce, United States of America (Chair of the Session);
- Jianlin Cao, Vice Minister, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China;
- Rudolf Strohmeier, Deputy Director General Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission;
- Philemon Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa; and
- Barbara Ryan, Director, GEO Secretariat.

1.3 Administrative Announcements

1.4 Adoption of Agenda (Plenary Document 1) *(for approval)*

**Approved.**

1.5 Recognition of New Members (Plenary Document 2) *(for information)*

**One new Member acknowledged – Georgia.  
Ecuador acknowledged as an Observer.**

1.6 Recognition of Participating Organizations and Observers (Plenary Document 3) *(for approval)*

**Approved (Rev 3). Creative Commons Organization (CC), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP), Federation of Earth Science Information Partners (ESIP), European Union Satellite Centre (EU SatCen), International Astronautical Federation (IAF), Interbalkan Environment Centre (IEC), International Institute for GEO-**

**Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), International Union of GEODESY and Geophysics (IUGG), The Marine Technology Society (MTS) and Secure World Foundation (SWF) recognized as Participating Organizations.**

**University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) recognized as Observer.**

1.7 Approval of GEO-IX Report (Plenary Document 4) *(for approval)*

**Approved.**

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

## **2 GEO to 2025**

2.1 Introduction to GEO Summit by Ministerial Working Group

2.2 Geneva Ministerial Summit Draft Agenda and Content of Ministerial Folder – Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 1) *(for information)*

2.3 Vision for GEO 2025 - Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 2) *(for approval)*

**Approved, with modification by Australia.**

2.4 GEO Progress Report - Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 3) *(for information)*

2.5 Ministerial Guidance on the Evolution of GEOSS – Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 4) *(for consultation)*

- Preliminary Guidance for GEO 2025 (Plenary Document 5) *(for information)*

2.6 GEO Highlights Fact Sheet – Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 5) *(for information)*

2.7 Preparation of the next GEOSS Implementation Plan (Plenary Document 6) *(for approval)*

**Approved (Rev 1).**

**3 Draft Geneva Declaration** – Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 6) *(for consultation)*

*12:30 Lunch, Reconvene at 14:00*

## **4 GEOSS Implementation and Highlights**

4.1 Assessment of Progress – Target and Task (Plenary Document 7) *(for approval)*

**Approved.**

4.2 Monitoring and Evaluation

- Fourth Evaluation of GEOSS Implementation (Plenary Document 8) *(for approval)*;

**Approved.**

- Progress on Implementation of Recommendations from GEOSS Evaluations (Plenary Document 9) *(for approval)*;

**Approved, with modification by EC, endorsed by ESA and US.**

- Overview of the final Evaluation (*oral presentation*).

4.3 GEO 2012-2015 Work Plan Update (Plenary Document 10) (*for approval*)

**Approved, with modifications by POGO and US.**

*16:00-16:30 Coffee Break*

4.4 GEOSS Implementation Highlights (*oral presentation*)

4.5 Featured Initiatives

- Global Network for Observations and Information in Mountain Environments (GEO-GNOME) (*oral presentation*);
- AfriGEOSS (Plenary Document 11) (*for consultation*).

4.6 GEOSS Common Infrastructure (*demonstration*)

- *18:00 Adjourn [and official Reception]*

**Thursday, 16 January 2014**

*Convened at 08:30*

**3 Draft Geneva Declaration** – Document for Ministerial Summit (Document MS 6) (cont'd)

**5 2013 Report of the Executive Committee** (Plenary Document 12) (*for approval*)

**Approved, pending completion of Executive Committee evaluations.**

**6 Formal Statements from Members and Participating Organizations on key events and activities**

*(Statements limited to maximum 3 minutes on subjects related to GEOSS Implementation)*

*10:30-11:00 Coffee Break*

**6 Formal Statements from Members and Participating Organizations on key events and activities** (cont'd)

*(Statements limited to maximum 3 minutes on subjects related to GEOSS Implementation)*

**7 Financial Reports**

7.1 2012 Financial Statements and Report of the External Auditor (Plenary Document 13) (*for approval*)

**Approved.**

7.2 Interim Report on Income and Expenditure 2013 (1 January to 26 November) (Plenary Document 14) (*for information*)

7.3 Secretariat Operations Budget for 2014 (Plenary Document 15) (*for approval*)

**Approved.**

**• Creation of subcommittee for programmatic analysis of budget accepted.**

**• Membership open to Plenary; communicate nominees to Secretariat by 31 January 2014.**

7.4 Management of GEO Trust Fund (Plenary Document 16) (*for approval*)

- Working Capital Fund;

**Approved.**

- Management of contributions for Special Initiatives in the GEO Trust Fund.

**Approved, with modification of title (revision 1)**

*12:30 Lunch, Reconvene at 14:00*

**8 Rules of Procedure Update**

- Renewal of Implementation Board Membership (Plenary Document 17) (*for approval*)

**Approved.**

- Adoption of Rules of Procedure (Plenary Document 18) (*for approval*)

**Approved.**

- **Executive Committee requested to explore expanded participation in Executive Committee, for presentation at GEO-XI Plenary.**

**9 Presentation of the Nominees for the Executive Committee**

- **Africa: Republic of South Africa (Co-Chair), Gabon**
- **Americas: USA (Co-Chair), Argentina (2014) – Mexico (2015), Columbia**
- **Asia/Oceania: China (Co-Chair), Australia, Japan, Korea**
- **CIS: Russian Federation**
- **Europe: European Commission (Co-Chair), Estonia, Italy**

**10 Announcement of GEO-XI**

**Gabon offered to host GEO-XI in November 2014.**

**AOB: Radio Frequency issue**

**11 Review of Session Outcomes**

**12 Concluding Remarks**

*15:30 Adjourn*