

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**Group on Earth Observations**  
**Thirteenth Plenary Session – GEO-XIII**  
**St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 9-10 November 2016**

Wednesday, 9 November		Supporting Documents
<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Session 1: Opening Sessions</b>	
1.1	<i>Welcome from the Russian Federation</i>	
1.2	<i>Opening Remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Philemon Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa (Chair of the Session)</i></li> <li>• <i>Pengde Li, Deputy Director, General National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China</i></li> <li>• <i>Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General, Research and Innovation, European Commission</i></li> <li>• <i>Stephen Volz, Assistant Administrator for Satellite &amp; Information Services, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, United States of America</i></li> <li>• <i>Barbara Ryan, Director, GEO Secretariat</i></li> </ul>	
1.3	<i>Approval of Agenda</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-1.3: Draft Agenda (for decision)</i>
1.4	<i>Approval of Draft Report of GEO-XII</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-1.4: Draft Report of GEO-XII (for decision)</i>
<i>Session 1 Information documents:</i>		<i>GEO-XIII-1-Inf-01: New Members, Participating Organizations and Observers</i>
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Opening of Exhibition</b>	
<b>10:15 – 10:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	

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**10:45 – 12:30 Session 2: Advancing the Vision of GEO**

*In preparation for approving the 2017-2019 Work Programme and the 2017 Trust Fund Budget, this Session comprises two Panels, will focus on illustrating progress towards the GEO Strategic Objectives and Ministerial commitments, as well as challenges, opportunities and areas in need of additional investment.*

2.1 *Introduction to Session*  
*Barbara Ryan, Director, GEO Secretariat*

2.2 *Panel 1: User and policy-driven initiatives*  
*This Panel will include representatives from GEO Initiatives and Flagships covering the full spectrum of actors from policy and decision makers, to those involved in advisory and implementation roles.*  
*Each panelist will address challenges and opportunities in the development and implementation of the activity.*  
*Moderator:*  
*Dominique Marbouty, France*  
*Panelists:*  
*GEOGLAM, Sergey Bartalev, Russian Federation*  
*GEO Cold Regions, Hannele Savela, Finland*  
*GEO Carbon and GHG Initiative, Stephen Briggs, ESA*  
*EO4EA, John Matuszak, USA*  
*GEO and SDGs: Lawrence Friedl, USA*

**12:30 – 13:45 Lunch**

**13:45 – 15:30 Session 2 cont'd: Advancing the Vision of GEO**

2.3 *Panel 2: GEOSS Implementation*  
*This Panel will include representatives of the Teams currently involved in the foundational components of GEOSS, including coordination of Earth observations; data sharing; and development of tools to improve delivery and use of Earth observation data and information.*  
*Each panelist will address challenges and opportunities in the development and implementation of the activity.*

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	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Stuart Minchin, Australia</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i>  <i>Coordination of space-based observations, Frank Kelly, CEOS</i>  <i>Coordination of in-situ observations, Henrique Pereira, GEO BON</i>  <i>Coordination of Global Observing Systems, Wenjian Zhang, WMO</i>  <i>Data Sharing, Michel Schouppe, European Commission GEOSS Infrastructure, including Data Management, and GCI and GEONETcast Development and Operations, Ivan DeLoatch, USA</i></p>	
2.4	<p><i>Conclusion of Panel Sessions</i>            Barbara Ryan, GEO Secretariat Director            Dominique Marbouty, France            Stuart Minchin, Australia</p>	
2.5	<p><i>Demonstration of GEOSS Portal</i></p>	
	<p><i>Session 2 Information Documents</i></p>	<p><i>GEO-XIII-2-Inf-01: 2016 Work Programme Progress Report</i>  <i>GEO-XIII-2-Inf-02: Flagships and Initiatives</i>  <i>GEO-XIII-2-Inf-03: GEOSS Components</i>  <i>GEO-XIII-2-Inf-04: Advancing the Vision of GEO</i></p>
<p><b>15:30 – 16:00 Coffee</b></p>		
<p><b>16:00 – 17:30 Session 3 Commercial Sector Session</b></p>		
	<p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p><i>Panel: Commercial Sector Engagement</i></p> <p><i>This Panel will include representatives from the Commercial Sector, including data providers, providers of value-added services and downstream-user sectors. The Panel will discuss challenges and opportunities related to Commercial Sector engagement in GEO.</i></p>	

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<p><i>Moderator:</i> Steven Ramage, GEO Secretariat</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> Olga Gershenzon, Co-founder, Strategic Officer, RBC Signals Jeanne Foust, Global Manager Standards and Interoperability, Esri Geoff Sawyer, Secretary-General, EARSC (European Association of Remote Sensing Companies) Rob Postma, Regional Sales Director GEO-Intelligence, Airbus Group Xu Liping, General Manager, Beijing Space View Technology Co. Ltd. Sanjay Kumar, CEO Geospatial Media &amp; Communications</p>		
Session 3 Information Documents		GEO-XIII-3-Inf-01: Dialogue with the Commercial Sector
<b>17:30 – 18:30</b> Caucus Meetings		
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Reception</b>	

<b>Thursday, 10 November</b>		<b>Supporting Documents</b>
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 4: Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement</b>	
4.1	Engagement Strategy	GEO-XIII-4.1: GEO Engagement Strategy (for decision)
4.2	Engagement Priorities 2017-2019	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b> Coffee		
<b>11.00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Session 5: GEO Work Programme</b>	
5.1	Report of the Programme Board 2016	GEO-XIII-5.1: Report of the Programme Board 2016 (for information)
5.2	Presentation of the 2017-2019 Work Programme	GEO-XIII-5.3: 2017-2019

<b>Thursday, 10 November</b>		<b>Supporting Documents</b>
		<i>Work Programme (for decision)</i>
5.3	<i>Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals</i>	
5.4	<i>Presentation of the Proposed 2017 GEO Trust Fund Budget</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-5.4(Rev1): Proposed 2017 Budget (for decision)</i>
<b>12:30 – 14:00 Lunch</b>		
<b>14:00 – 15:30 Session 5: cont'd: GEO Work Programme</b>		
5.5	<i>2017-2019 Work Programme Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Discussion of the 2017-2019 Work Programme</i></li> <li>• <i>Pledges to the GEO Work Programme and to the GEO Trust Fund</i></li> <li>• <i>Approval of 2017-2019 GEO Work Programme</i></li> <li>• <i>Approval of the 2017 GEO Trust Fund Budget</i></li> </ul>	
5.6	<i>2017-2019 Programme Board Slate of nominees</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-5.6: 2017-2019 Proposed Programme Board Composition (for decision) Document available 8 November</i>
	<i>Session 5 Information Documents</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-5-Inf-01(Rev1): Interim Report on Income and Expenditure 1 Jan.-30 Sep.2016</i>
<b>15:30 – 16:00 Coffee</b>		
<b>16:00 – 17:30 Session 6: Other Business, Session Outcomes and Closing Remarks</b>		
6.1	<i>2015 Financial Statements and Audit Report</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-6.1: 2015 Financial Statements and Audit Report (for decision)</i>
6.2	<i>Update of Rules of Procedure</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-6.2: Revised Rules of Procedure (for decision)</i>
6.3	<i>Slate of the 2017 Executive Committee Members</i>	
6.4	<i>GEO-XIV and GEO-XV Announcements</i>	
6.5	<i>Any Other Business</i>	

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6.6	<i>Session Outcomes</i>	
6.7	<i>Closing Remarks GEO Co-Chairs, the Russian Federation and GEO Director</i>	