

***GEO Work Programme Symposium 2016: Session 4
Salle Obassi***

Session Title GEO Foundational Tasks

When Monday 2 May 12.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 to 14.45

1) Purpose: background, topic and objectives of the session

- a) *The background for the session is constituted by the provisions contained in the Strategic Plan and in its Reference Document, as well as by the lessons learned when defining the Foundational tasks to be included in the 2016 Work Programme and by the indications emerging from their progressive implementation.*
- b) *The session is about the concept of Foundational Tasks, the rationale for their definition the arrangements and the resources associated with their implementation.*
- c) *The main objective of the session will be to thoroughly discuss the coordinated set of Foundational tasks to be included in the 2017-2019 Work Programme.*

2) Key questions to be addressed in the session

- *What is the minimum set of Foundational Tasks necessary to implement the GEO Core Functions identified in the Strategic Plan?*
- *What is the minimum “scope” of each foundational task to still consider that a certain core function is implemented?*
- *What is the proper notion of priority to apply when considering the Strategic Plan provisions, on one side, and the amount of available resources, on the other?*
- *What is the role that the GEO Secretariat should play in the Foundational Tasks execution? Overall role – to ensure that FTs deliver as a whole? + Specific role varying case by case?*

3) Expected outcomes from the session

Identify and share the key criteria for FTs consolidation

4) Format of the session and expected audience

- Presentations
- Q&A sessions
- Conclusions

5) Speakers

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
1	Giovanni Rum	GEO Secretariat
2	Francisco Chavez	POGO, PB member

6) Moderators and Rapporteurs

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
	Chairperson: J. Matuszak	US State Department
	Rapporteur: D. Cripe	GEO Secretariat

7) Session timeline

<i>time</i>	<i>Ref. to speaker</i>	<i>What</i>
12.00-12.05	Chair	Introduction by
12.05-12.20	1	The Foundational Tasks in the 2016 Work Programme: concept and lessons learned
12.20-12.30		Q&A Session
14.00-14.15	2	The Foundational Tasks: criteria for the PB assessment
14:15-14.30		Q&A Session
14.30-14.45	Chair	Summary conclusions