



# Actions & Outcomes

## GEO Programme Board May 2017





# Session 1

- **Opening remarks**
  - Not all GEO activities bin neatly to 3 engagement priorities.
  - Keep in mind WP is for 3 years, and this was intentional. The purpose of the review is not to undertake major rework.
  - What is model to assess coherence across WP?
- **Agenda adopted**
  - Report from GEO-XIV Plenary Planning WG under AOB.
  - Consensus that “Outcomes and Actions” presentation serves as PB meeting record, unless there is a request during meeting for an exchange to be captured in more detail.
- **PB Plan of Work largely on track**
  - Milestones have been met.



## Session 2

- **Report from Subgroup 1 (SDGs)**
  - Subgroup extended and proposed to be more narrowly focused (see Session 5 for action items).
- **Report from Subgroup 2 (WPS)**



## Session 2:

# Functions of the GEO Work Programme Symposium

- **Changing due to: the multi/annual perspective of GEO and needs to reflect the 3 year cycle so that we do not amend work programme substantially on an annual basis.**
- **Not one size fits all: different purposes, should be tuned.**
- **Is a GEO community-wide event to support the evolution of the work programme where the task leads/representatives involved in implementation of all activities and initiatives can take part to present the status and plans for their work in relation to priorities in focus.**
- **Should be forum for resource consolidation; also connect with newcomers**



## Session 2:

# Functions of the GEO Work Programme Symposium

- **Key purpose of WPS seen as around 2 processes (bottom-up/top-down): Principally for course-correction of WP, and also inform the co-design/co-construction of next WP development**
- **Characteristics:**
  - Connected to, and complemented by, other (regional) processes/events, which to reinforce participation and common expectations on outcomes.
  - Informs broad community.
  - Allows for time for discussion and to strengthen connections
  - Enables PB members to get an overview (dialogue) of the totality as input into the design of subsequent WP process 18 months (What are we doing vs what should we be doing).
  - Enables management of WP to respond to strategic priorities of GEO.



## Session 2

- **Report from Subgroup 2 (WPS)**
  - Subgroup extended until ExCom.
  - **Action: revise WPS concept note in subgroup, consider title change, consider relevant WPS breakout recommendations; to be reviewed by PB, for presentation at July ExCom (DL: 12 June)**
  - **Action: PB co-chairs and Secretariat to send communiqué to WPS participants acknowledging breakout session recommendations (DL: 2 June)**
  - **Action: Subgroup (MC) to provide guidelines (coherence, clustering) to Flagships and Initiatives based on WPS outcomes. (DL: 15 June)**



## Session 2

- **New proposals for 2017-2019 WP**
  - **Action: Secretariat to liaise with leads to clarify activity (DL: 2 June)**
  - **Action: New-proposal subgroup to review submissions for WP.**
    - *MC, AM, IS, SM, CD, TR, MR (DL: 15 June)*
    - *Iterations across June-July*



## Session 3

- **Secretariat reports on FT in support of WP.**
- **How to obtain usable information on capacity building, DSP/DMP, observing systems, user engagement (revised template, contact with Flagships/Initiatives).**
- **PB recommendation:**
  - *The PB believes that an SBA-approach to identifying user needs is no longer viable. The Flagships, which serve "common needs and/or well-defined user groups", provide a measure of GEO's success in addressing user needs. The PB recognizes that GEO still needs a way to report on fulfilling user needs more broadly, not just those being addressed by the Flagships, but this should fall under M&E.*





## Session 4

- **Report from Subgroup 3 (M&E)**
  - **Subgroup retired.**
  - **Data collection has begun (GEOGLOWS, GEO Wetlands, GFOI).**
  - **Secretariat to provide mock-up report to be presented at July ExCom.**
  - **PB supports proposal to avoid survey-fatigue (tel calls to FS leads & dialogue).**
  - **Action: PB members to provide additional specific questions (including recipient and outcomes) to solicit information that can be used in the M&E process, to complement the quantitative indicators. To C. Larlee (DL: 2 June) – cc PB co-chairs**



## Session 5

- **Action: Secretariat/PB to modify template for Initiative/Flagship implementation plan, based on lessons learned (DL: 2 Jun).**
- **Subgroup 1 (SDG, Secretariat, Task Teams & EO4SDGs)**
  - **Action: initiate contact with Initiatives/Flagships to identify/refine contributions (mapping process) to engagement priority areas. (DL: 2 Jun).**
  - **Action: organize virtual Workshop with Initiatives/Flagships to (DL: 12 June):**
    - *discuss synergies and “cross-pollination”.*
    - *invite UN-GGIM participation to identify ways to connect with national statistics/custodial agencies.*
    - *explore hosting GEO-XIV side-event on added-value of GEO with respect to global policy initiatives.*



## Session 5

- **Subgroup 1 (SDG, Secretariat, Task Teams & EO4SDGs)**
  - **Action: produce communication product, appended to WP, highlighting how GEO is responding engagement priorities (linked to engagement strategy) (DL: 15 Aug) (draft as input to PB meeting PB meeting – 4 weeks)**
  - **Action: PB co-chairs and Secretariat to send communiqué to Flagships/Initiatives, explaining “light-touch” review process this year and ask how reccs from 2016 actioned (DL: 12 June)**



## Session 6

- **Added-value for PB meeting away from Geneva as long as there is a local outreach component; needs to be carefully planned and resourced.**
- **Action: PB co-chairs and Secretariat to draft messages for October ExCom/Plenary, for PB review. (DL: 31 July)**
  - **include potential PB meeting schedule for 2018**
- **Action: PB co-chairs & Secretariat to notify PB of doodle poll results for 7<sup>th</sup> PB meeting. (DL: 2 June).**
- **Action: PB to provide input on slate of**
  - **successes to be featured on Plenary day 2. (DL: ??)**