

Results of a Survey of GEO Community Regarding a Possible 2018 GEO Symposium

Number of valid responses

192

Interest in attending a GEO Symposium session

	#	%
Assessing status of GEO support to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and identifying opportunities for additional actions.	118	61%
Assessing status of GEO support to disaster resilience and the Sendai Framework, and Assessing status of GEO support to the Paris climate agreement and identifying opportunities for additional actions.	77	40%
Development of the 2020-2022 GEO Work Programme	79	41%
Strengthening and coordinating in-situ observations	71	37%
Integrating socio-economic, health, and other data with Earth observations	84	44%
New developments in technology affecting EO (e.g., cloud computing, data cubes)	82	43%
Water across the GEO Work Programme	86	45%
Opportunities for commercial sector involvement in Work Programme activities	47	24%
Collaborating with national statistical offices	52	27%
Communications for Work Programme activities	49	26%
Identifying and engaging users	30	16%
Best practices in capacity building	64	33%
Advancing data sharing and data management	65	34%
Best practices in regional GEOSs's	84	44%
Resource mobilization / fundraising	61	32%
Other	27	14%
No session interest identified	11	6%
	5	3%

Type of participation

	#	%
Organizing a session at the Symposium	66	34%
Giving a presentation at the Symposium	141	73%
Displaying a poster at the Symposium	58	30%
Providing sponsorship funds to help support the Symposium	5	3%
Other	4	2%
No type of participation identified	20	10%

Desired ways to benefit

	#	%
Discussing ways to collaborate with colleagues working in other Flagships, Initiatives, Community Activities and/or Foundational Tasks.	131	68%
Sharing information about the results of the Work Programme activities I am involved in and/or the challenges that my team is facing.	88	46%
Understanding how my work could support GEO's engagement priorities	116	60%
Discussing future directions for GEO.	109	57%
Hearing about progress in Work Programme implementation and where action may be needed to address gaps.	79	41%
Learning about new technologies and how I could apply them in my work.	102	53%
Hearing from other GEO participants about best practices and other experiences in implementing their Work Programme activities.	102	53%
Learning about communications and other services offered by the GEO Secretariat.	47	24%
Other	3	2%
No ways to benefit identified	6	3%

Other topics identified

Role of research in GEO as well as private sector; Citizen Science and Crowdsourcing; Awareness; Wild Fires in GEO; Review and contribute to the definition of EVs for different themes; Including Global Maritime Awareness in the work plan; Identifying developing country needs; all GEO Implementation Mechanisms; citizen science; no interest; Maybe a session connected with capacity building on (G)EO skills in Education

Other types of participation identified

Attending from an industry perspective; attending; Helping in the organization; Learning about what's on-going in GEO

Other ways to benefit identified

Getting in contact with potential funding agencies; Hearing from developing countries about their needs in using earth data; Exchange with colleagues about in situ / RS data integration

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Likelihood of attending	Likely	Depends on Topics	Depends on Timing of Other Events	Depends on Funding	Depends on Other Factors	Depends (all reasons)	Unlikely	Total # Resp	Multiple Resp	Blank Resp
GEO Symposium in Geneva on May 22 to 24	54	49	25	55	9	105	36	333	32	3
GEO Symposium in Geneva during first two weeks of June	51	39	30	52	8	106	34	320	23	7
GEO Work Programme development events in conjunction with Regional GEOSS meetings	25	53	28	55	12	118	42	333	23	8
Same response for both May and June	31	30	13	42	5		16			3

Current participation in GEO

	#	%
Lead or Co-lead of a GEO Flagship, Initiative, Community Activity and/or Foundational Task	33	17%
Steering Committee Member of a GEO Flagship, Initiative, Community Activity	12	6%
Contributor to a GEO Flagship, Initiative, Community Activity and/or Foundational Task	43	22%
Involved with a national (GEO Member) or Participating Organization GEO committee, team or organization.	84	44%
I participate in GEO in another way	37	19%
I am not currently involved in GEO but am interested in knowing more	37	19%
Multiple responses	49	26%
Blank responses	8	4%
Total responses	192	100%

Work Programme activities, GEO members, and organizations represented among survey respondents

AquaWatch; GEO Carbon and GHG Initiative; resilience.io; CA-06; User Needs and Gap Analysis; GSNL initiative; in-situ Foundational Task and CS GEO initiative; Community Portal; GEO-GNOME; Marine BON; GEO CRI; GEOGLAM; GEOGLAM; Geohazards, land degradation and environmental monitoring using satellite and in-situ information; EARTH OBSERVATIONS FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT; GEOSS In-Situ Earth Observation Resources; GOOS; capacity building coordination; Earth Observations in Service of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (EO4SDGs). INEGI co-leads with Japan (JAXA) and the United States (NASA).; GEO VENER; DSWG; GEOARC; GEO-Wetlands; Space and Security Community Activity; AmeriGEOSS, CBC; Blue Planet; AOGEOSS; GEO BON; ESIP is a PO and has member on steering committee; Earth Observations for Ecosystem Accounting (EO4EA); Human Planet; Blue Planet; Improving NOAA data accessibility; Programme Board; I have participated in this year's and prior GEO Week, helped to organize a symposium on citizen science for 2017 GEO Week, and would be interested in learning how my organization could become a member.; Community of Practise; Industry representative (Airbus); side event registrant, supporter of GEO; via WDS; Trough projects; Member of Programme Board during 2018-2020; private industry; GFOI capacity building leader; Programme Board; Programme Board; I have briefed the concept of the need for International Collaboration Global Maritime Awareness at 3 GEO events, starting in late 2009, and as recently as September, 2017.; Affiliate - Eye on Earth; member of ECOPOTENTIAL coordination; GEO Board member (MRI); Contribution to GEOGLOWS; Co-chair of GRUAN with interest in satellite Earth Observations; Evaluation of the implementation of GEO programmes; Invited by EC or EARSC; Programme Board Member; IGWCO COP Chair; marketing assistant; Zimbabwe GEO group member.; GEO Programme Board; Participation to to H2020 NextGEOSS Project; Canada representative

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Previous Symposium or Plenary attendance	#	%	Likely Depends Unlikely				
			(all)				
2016 GEO Work Programme Symposium	42	22%				Respondents who have attended at least one previous GEO Symposium or Plenary are more likely to report that they may attend in 2018 than those who did not attend either in 2016 or 2017.	
2016 GEO Plenary XIII	55	29%					
2017 GEO Work Programme Symposium	26	14%					
2017 GEO Plenary XIV	94	49%					
Attended at least one Symposium	54	28%	53	85	26		164
Attended at least one Plenary	108	56%	90	175	62		327
Attended none of the 2016 or 2017 Symposia or Plenaries	77	40%	39	137	48		224
			182	397	136	715	

Employer	#	%
An intergovernmental organization	19	10%
A government ministry or agency (national or sub-national)	58	30%
A research institute or university	72	38%
A non-governmental, not-for-profit organization	30	16%
A commercial (for-profit) organization (including self-employed)	19	10%
Other type of organization / not employed	6	3%
Multiple responses	13	7%
Blank responses	3	2%
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Region of current residence	#	%	Likely in May	Likely in June	Likely in Regional
Africa	7	4%	2	2	3
Americas	73	38%	11	11	4
Asia-Oceania	30	16%	5	7	9
CIS	0	0%	0	0	0
Europe	79	41%	36	31	9
Blank responses	3	2%			
Total responses	192	100%	54	51	25