

**“Outreach to Regional GEOSS (RG)”
Programme Board subgroup**

Draft plan of work (outcome of subgroup telecon on April 3rd)

Deliverable (details should be discussed more)

1. Gaps/Challenges/Opportunities report (recommendation) for GEOSS implementation/WP development
2. Fora of RG communication

Events and Milestones

May (1st week): Telecon with RG leads for initial survey

May 15-16: AOGEOSS Workshop

June 4-5: 3rd South-Eastern Europe GEO Workshop

June 11-13: GEO Symposium

June 14-15: 9th PB meeting

June 26-28: AfriGEOSS Symposium 2018

July 18-19: 44th ExCom – brief update from RG leads

August 6-10: AmeriGEOSS Week 2018

September 5-6: 10th PB meeting

October 24-26: 11th GEOSS-AP Symposium

October 29 – November 2: GEO Week 2018

- *October 29 Asia-Oceania Day Side-event*
- October 30: 45th ExCom
- October 31 – November 1: GEO-XV Plenary
- November 2: 46th ExCom

(GEO events: <http://www.earthobservations.org/meetings.php>)

Activities (tbd)

(1) Telecon for initial survey

Please see next page for the telecon agenda.

(2) 2nd whole subgroup Telecon (tbd)

Outcome of RG leads Telecon

Preparation of 9th PB meeting material

(3) Side meeting during GEO Symposium

(4) 9th PB meeting

Planning panel discussion at GEO Week 2018

Report/recommendation to ExCom

(5) ExCom and RG leads dialogue

To be set at the ExCom meeting in July.

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Telecon of Regional GEOSS leads, Programme subgroup and GEO Secretariat

- Aims of the telecon(s)

The PB subgroup wishes to launch an initial survey to learn more about the achievements, outcomes and gaps of the Regional GEOSS, and then identify the challenges and opportunities of RGs in terms of developments and collaborations. As part of this effort, the PB subgroup would like to plan dedicated Teleconference(s) with the Leads of each RG during the first week of May 2018. The subgroup survey will focus on the following topics;

- Key achievements of each RG at the regional level, and how it contributes to the WP;
- Identification of Gaps;
- Discussion of contributions to SBAs;
- The added-value of working as an RG; and
- Interoperability under GEOSS.

Additional agenda items:

11-12 June GEO Symposium RG participation:

- A session for Regional GEOSS has been scheduled, with the following description: The Work Programme Symposium (Pretoria, 2017) showed that much is happening within the Regional GEOSS (RG) that is not reflected in the WP and that there is low (or lack of) synergy between some RG activities and some WP activities addressing similar topics and issues. RGs have been working, in some cases for many years, within specific frameworks; connections are being made and synergies are being formed, that many times go beyond the WP. This session will focus on collaboration opportunities between RGs and GEO Flagships and Initiatives (incl. Community Activities, when relevant) to achieve the common target of realizing the GEO priorities, given the broader base of context and engagement that RGs may provide.

18-19 July Executive Committee RG updates:

- The Executive Committee would like to have a brief update on activities of each of the RGs. Participation may be remote (by WebEx).

- Dates:

1st Telecon: May 3rd, 1pm-3pm Geneva time. For AmeriGEOSS, AfriGEOSS, GEO Sec, and participants from subgroup

2nd Telecon: May 7th, 1pm-3pm Geneva time. For AOGEOSS, EuroGEOSS, GEO Sec, and participants from subgroup

- Documents:

Message to the leads of Regional GEOSS

Programme Board subgroup Terms of Reference

Initial mapping survey of RGs on the current 2017-2019 Work Programme