

**Provisional timeline/agenda: The 1st Task Team meeting
in preparation of the Second GEOSS African Water Cycle Symposium
Geneva, 23-24 September 2009**

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2009:

0830 – 0930 REGISTRATION

0930 – 1000 1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Welcoming Remarks: Jose Achache (GEO)
 Alan Edwards (EC, GEO ExCom),
 Johnson Owaro (Uganda, GEO ExCom)

1.2 Introduction to Meeting Objectives and Agenda: Toshio Koike (Japan)

1000 – 1200 2. Reports

2.1 Report from Tunis: Zoubeida Bargaoui (Tunisia) & Toshio Koike (Japan)

1030 – 1100 BREAK

2.2 Summary Report and Discussion on Results of Prior-Questionnaire Survey:
 Richard Lawford (Canada) & Douglas Cripe (GEO)

1200 – 1300 LUNCH

1300 – 1630 3. Introductions to On-going/Planned Activities

3.1. UN Organizations: Abou Amani (UNESCO-ACCRA Office)
 Johnson Akinbola OGUNTOLA (UNECA)

3.2 Space Agencies: Diego Fernandez (ESA/TIGER)
 Vincent Gabaglio (EUMETSAT)
 Edwin Engman (NASA)
 Osamu Ochiai (JAXA)

1500 – 1530 BREAK

3.3 Projects : Garba Sambo Hassan (Lake Chad Basin)
 Toshio Koike (WCRP/GEWEX/CEOP)
 Abou Amani (AMMA)
 Douglas Cripe (WMO GTN-H)
 Vincent Gabaglio (AMESD Central Africa Thema)

**1630 – 1730 4. Discussion on Convergence and Harmonization of
Observational Activities:**

1730 – ADJOURN

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2009:

0900 – 1030 5. Interoperability Arrangements and Data Management

10 min Short Talks by Each Participant

Koki Iwao (GEO/ADC)
Masami Onoda (GEO Data Sharing Policy)
Masafumi Ono (Japan/DIAS)
Toshio Koike (GEOSS/AWCI)

Discussion

1030 – 1100 BREAK

1100 – 1230 6. Capacity Building

10 min Short Talks by Each Participant

Zoubeida Bargaoui (Tunisia)
Imraan Saloojee (GEO)
Chris Mannaerts (ITC)
Edwin Engman (NASA)
Osamu Ochiai (JAXA)
Richard Lawford (South America)

Discussion

1230 – 1330 LUNCH

1330 – 1500 7. Breakout Session

7.1 Convergence and Harmonization of Observational Activities
7.2 Interoperability Arrangements and Data Management
7.3 Capacity Building

Questions to be Addressed:

- (i) What are issues to be addressed?
- (ii) What is merit expected from coordination under GEO?
- (iii) How can we better coordinate various projects and GEO activities?
- (iv) What should be prepared to lead productive discussions at the 2nd GEOSS African Water Cycle Symposium?
- (v) What are plans for next 1-3 year period?

1500 – 1530 BREAK

1530 – 1700 8. Discussion for Way Forward and Wrap-up

1700 ADJOURN