

**GEO WORK PLAN SYMPOSIUM 2010**  
**17-19 May 2010**  
**Pretoria, South Africa**

**OBJECTIVES**

The main objectives of the Symposium are to:

- Foster the Work Plan Implementation across and within GEOSS areas;
- Develop practical recommendations for the 2011 Work Plan Update;
- Identify achievements that could be presented at Beijing Ministerial Summit Exhibition;  
and
- Initiate reflections and discussions in preparation of the GEO 2012-2015 Work Plan.

In order to structure the presentations, discussions and syntheses throughout the meeting, participants are encouraged to:

- Identify common inputs, outputs or methodologies across (sub)tasks;
  - Explore complementarities across (sub)tasks;
  - Identify options for better connecting existing systems (observing, modeling, information) and/or the outputs of those systems (data, products, information);
  - Launch practical actions for fostering new and existing interactions across (sub)tasks;
  - Evaluate the extent to which existing products, tools, systems and services are already registered in the GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI); identify possible obstacles to registration and options to overcome these obstacles;
  - Evaluate the extent to which data and information are already shared within GEO; identify obstacles to data-sharing and options to overcome these obstacles;
  - Strengthen connections with Committees and Communities of Practice;
  - Improve Overarching Task and sub-task descriptions/contents;
  - Suggest mergers of relevant sub-tasks to improve coordination/reduce duplication;
  - Identify opportunities for the Beijing Ministerial Summit Exhibition.
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