GEOGLOWS and the Harmonization of GEO Water Activities

Monday Oct. 23 - 8 am to 1 pm
Tuesday Oct. 24 - 8:30 am to 10:30 am

Regan Building, Washington DC, Room Meridian C
AGENDA for Monday October 23

08:00 – 08:15: Welcoming Remarks and Overview of the GEO Water Activities
   Barbara Ryan

08:15- 09:00:
   GEOGLOWS (report of recent progress and summarize of commitments from different agencies and GEO Members)
   Chair: Adrian Strauch
   - Overview of the GEOGLOWS Program
     Angelica Gutierrez
   - Working Group Data dissemination, community portal, capacity building, and communication
     Jim Nelson
   - ECMWF, GEOFlows, and support for developing countries
     Jean-Noël Thépaut
   - Working Group on Socio-economic issues of the water crisis and policy linkages
     Rose Alabaster
   - Working Group on Science, applications, product development, and testing
     Ashutosh Limaye
   - Working Group on Essential Water Variables and observations
     George Huffman
   - Optional: Additional comments on Essential Water Variables
     Paul DiGiacomo
     Jose Romero

09:00 – 09:45: Panel on Contributions of Programmes and Agencies to GEOGLOWS
   Chair: Angelica Gutierrez
   Panel Members: Vanessa Aellen (GEO), Bradley Doorn (NASA), Selma Cherchali (CNES), Tom Graziano (NOAA), Nagaraja Rao Harsdaleep (World Bank), Osvaldo Moraes (Camaden, Brazil), Paul DiGiacomo (CEOS)

09:45 – 10:10: Regional Linkages -
   Chair: Nagaraja Rao Harshadeep
   GEOGLOWS and AO GEOSS and DIAS
   Toshio Koike
   GEOGLOWS and the Americas
   Angelica Gutierrez
   Priorities for GEOGLOWS work in Africa
   Rose Alabaster
   SERVIR Applications to Water Problems in Africa
   Sarva Pulla
10:10 – 10:30  ☕ Coffee

10:30 – 12:00  **Freshwater Biodiversity, Wetlands and related emerging opportunities**
(This session is focused on introducing GEO Wetlands and related activities plus new activities that will influence GEO Wetlands and other GEO Water activities)
Chair: Derek Vollmer

- Wetlands
  - Adrian Strauch
- Global Surface Water Explorer
  - Alan Belward
- Freshwater group of GEO BON
  - Erin Hestir
- The Free Flowing Rivers Programme
  - Michele Thieme
- Future Earth Lagoon Workshop
  - Paul DiGiacomo
- Freshwater Biodiversity Working Group of the Sustainable Water Future Programme (SWFP)
  - Ian Harrison
- GEOGLAM
  - Ian Jarvis
- The High Level Panel of Water and Water Data
  - Nagaraja Rao Harshadeep
- Overview of contributions of EO to SDG 6
  - Sushel Unninayar

Discussion

12:00 – 13:00  **World Cafe Session**

Procedure:

1. Participants will break into small discussion groups, and each group will have a moderator, and a reporter to take notes and report back in plenary.
2. The break-outs groups will discuss the questions below for about 45 minutes. At the end of the session each group will make a short report back to plenary.
3. These reports will be followed by an overall summary of the findings and recommendations.

Preliminary list of discussion questions will be distributed before the session
AGENDA for
Tuesday October 24

08:30 – 10:00

IGWCO and GEO Water activities

- IGWCO and GEOGLOWS, Status of the GEOSS Water Strategy
  Chair: Vanessa Aellen
  Rick Lawford
- Drought
  Will Pozzi
- GEOCRI
  Yubao Qui
- EO and the WEF Nexus
  Charles Vörösmarty or Rick Lawford
- The planned SWFP COMPASS Programme
  Charles Vörösmarty or Rick Lawford
- Blue Planet
  Paul DiGiacomo
- AquaWatch
  Paul DiGiacomo

Discussion on IGWCO CoP actions

General Discussion of the interactions among GEO, GEO Water initiatives and GEOGLOWS

- Perspectives of GEO Management Boards
- Perspectives of CEOS
- Actions we need to take for more effective program implementation

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