Key Outcomes and Actions from the 51st Executive Committee Meeting

17th GEO Programme Board Meeting
Agenda Item 1.3
Geneva, Switzerland
11-12 June 2020
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2.2 GEO Secretariat Engagement Plan for 2020

- ExCom requested that stronger links be established between the engagement priorities and the GWP, primarily through the Climate Change WG and the DRR WG.

3.1 Strategy for Implementing the Canberra Agreement

- Established an Advisory Group to propose a strategy for engaging Pacific island nations, the AG to be open to participation by non-members of the ExCom and to POs.
- Recognized the establishment of the PB Private Sector subgroup and will look to this group to provide strategic guidance on engagement of SMMEs.
- Action 51.3: PB to include in the ToRs of its Private Sector SG specific attention to article 16 of the Canberra Declaration including the “need to create opportunities for SMMEs to leverage Earth observations”.

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4.3 GEO Resource Mobilization 2020 Strategy Outline

- ExCom supported the general approach which was proposed.
- Stated their interest to better leverage existing projects, improve the visibility of these projects, and ensure better integration across the GEO community.

5.1 Report of the Programme Board

- For information only. No comments received.

5.2 Terms of Reference of the Working Groups

- Approved the ToRs for the four WGs, as distributed.
- Requested that the Data WG take account of the FAIR principles in its work.
- Suggested that greater consistency be sought in the Duties across the ToRs in any future revisions.
- Encouraged nominations to the PB Equality, Diversity and Inclusion SG, especially to reflect greater regional and gender balance.
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6.2 GEO Week 2020
- Recommended that GEO Week 2020 address how GEO (and EO) might contribute to informing the response and recovery to COVID-19 and similar future challenges, in part to highlight the value of existing GWP activities.

7.1 Proposed Removal of Participating Organizations with No Recent Engagement
- Approved removal of seven organizations named in the document.
- IISL, IHO, WFPHA, EUREC, Biodiversity International, BSC-PS, LMI

7.3 Review of Applications for Associate Category
- Accepted the Centre for Spatial Law and Policy and GEOTERRAIMAGE Ltd.
Thank You

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