

EDI subgroup Update

GEO 17th Programme Board

11-12 June 2020

EDI SG membership

- Members
 - Bente Bye, Andiswa Mlisa / Humbulani Mudau, Allison Craddock, Amy Parker, Michael Sideris, Virginia Burkett
 - GEOSec Support from Patricia and Craig
- 1st meeting mid-May, attended by Allison, Virginia and Andiswa
- Recognition that membership needs diversifying – agreed to put a call to regional GEOs
- Received four nominations: Phoebe Oduor (RCMRD Kenya), Emmanuel Amankwah (university, Ghana), James Agyei-Ohemeng (department of ecotourism, Ghana) and Adebayo Felix Adekoya (university, Ghana)

Activity so far

- Drafted EDI questions for 2020 GEO virtual symposium survey – related to gender, professional status, ethnicity, nationality, caring responsibilities, impairment
- Discussed possible activities for this year (to be continued when we have full membership)
- Examined data relative to recruitment of current GEO director (looking at diversity in applicants and shortlisted) as well as gender distribution in GEO principals
- Currently looking at diversity in GWP 2020 participants (GEO flagship, initiatives & community activities) & WG nominations (nominations and expressions of interest received in the four Foundational Task Working Groups: Climate Change, DRR, Data and Capacity Development)
- Next call on the 25th June