

Status of Open Actions

This document is submitted by the Secretariat to the Programme Board for decision.

Action #	Description	Due	Status	Remarks
PB-15-06	Secretariat to invite leads to each of the Regional GEOs to present their programmes to the Programme Board.	PB-17	Recommend closure	See agenda item 1.7
PB-16-05	Secretariat to develop a three-year plan of the key themes for future GEO events.	PB-17	Recommend closure	Inconsistent with process of annual Symposium subgroup.
PB-16-09	Awards subgroup to consider whether a second award category should be created.	PB-20	Open	New due date proposed.
PB-16-10	Awards subgroup to produce written guidelines to ensure there is a common understanding within the group and the knowledge is transferred to future teams.	PB-19	Recommend closure	See agenda item 2.4.
PB-16-11	Secretariat to report on results achieved in the cloud services programmes.	Following completion of the programmes	Open	
PB-16-12	Secretariat to prepare a discussion paper on the "reproducibility crisis". (Not recorded as an Action but included in the PB 2020 Work Plan.)	PB-19	Recommend closure	See agenda item 3.1.
PB-18-01	Secretariat to address all open actions or propose a new date.	PB-19	Recommend closure	Completed
PB-18-02	OEA leads to respond to questions raised by PB members.	PB-19	Recommend closure	See note on the second page of this document.

NOTE REGARDING ACTION PB-18.02

Two questions were raised at the 18th Programme Board meeting regarding the presentation on the Open Earth Alliance (OEA) Community Activity, which was given by the Secretariat as OEA leads were unable to attend. The questions, along with the responses from the OEA leads, are provided below:

1. How is OEA expected to relate to the GEO Knowledge Hub, the GEOSS Platform and the GEOSS Infrastructure Development Task Team (the coordinating committee that links the various GEO infrastructure activities)?
 - OEA Response: The OEA is expected to relate directly with the GEO Knowledge Hub through some of the planned tasks. For example, OEA is working on a free/open Open Data Cube (ODC) sandbox that will allow any user to run a sample ODC analysis using Landsat-8, Sentinel-2 or Sentinel-1 anywhere in the world. This will also come with an ODC User Forum that would support users. This is an example of open science and the ability to share algorithms, results, and methods. Another activity that we are working on that overlaps with the GEO Knowledge Hub is the OEA Algorithm Hub (an open-source hub for relevant EO algorithms). As for connections to the GEOSS Platform or GEOSS Infrastructure, ODC does not see any significant connections at present, but we are still working through our planning to establish those connections (and gaps).
2. How will donor funding be managed? Will projects be able to submit proposals? Will donors target specific projects?
 - OEA Response: The lead organizations – CEOS and Analytical Mechanics Associates (AMA) – are currently supporting OEA activities through in-kind contributions. We expect that, later in 2021, ODC partners will provide some financial contributions through the WMO Trust Fund, which will then be managed by the GEO Secretariat. In time, these funds may be offered to support tasks through proposals, but it is expected that any early funds would be targeted toward specific tasks in specific locations and not require proposals.