



21-24 JUNE 2021

GEO VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM 2021

Strengthening Inclusive Partnerships across the GEO Work Programme

Symposium Outcomes

21st Programme Board meeting
28-30 September 2021

GEO Secretariat

Symposium Organizers

Programme Board Symposium Subgroup

* Subgroup Co-Chair

* Jan Ramboer (EC)

Xingfa Gu (China)

Amos Kabo-bah (Ghana)

Andiswa Mlisa (South Africa)

Kerry Sawyer (United States)

* Kathy Fontaine (ESIP)

Andreia Siqueira (CEOS)

Marie-Claire Greening (CEOS)

Bapon Fakhruddin (CODATA/WDS)

Carolina Adler (MRI)

GEO Secretariat

Wenbo Chu

Rik Baeyens

Craig Larlee

Steven Ramage

Chloe Tiberghien

Diana Mastracci Sanchez

+ other Secretariat staff as session organizers, moderators and presenters

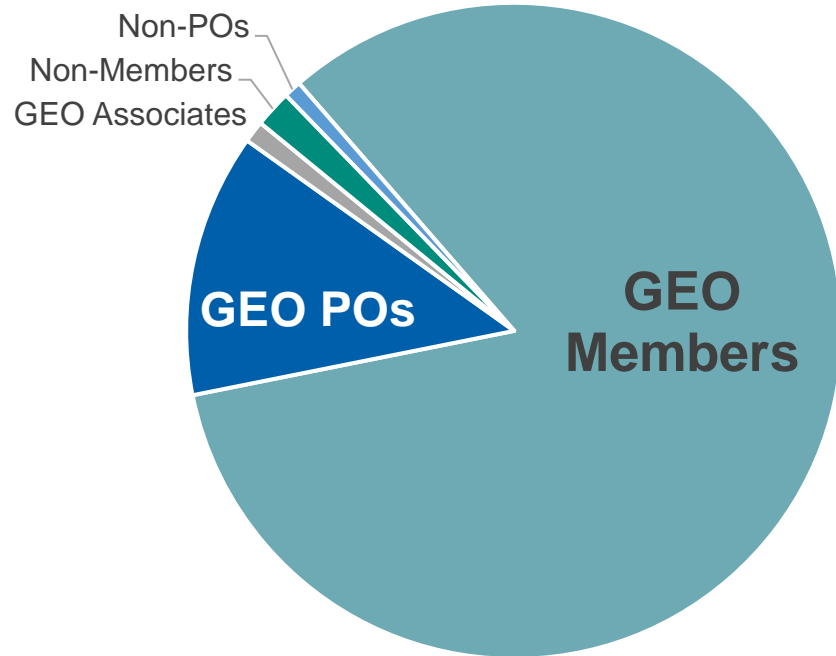
Objectives for this Symposium

- Shorter sessions, shorter presentations
- More time for discussion, direct interaction with speakers
- Encourage informal interactions among participants
- Varied session times to accommodate regions
- More opportunity for GEO community-led sessions
- Linkage to GEO Week anchor themes
- Prepare the ground for the 2023-2025 GWP development

Session Types

	Plenary Session	Parallel Session	Spotlight Session
Session Organizer	GEO Secretariat	GEO Work Programme community	GEO Work Programme community
Participants	100+	30-100	15
Length	60min	60min	30min
Format	Live presentation Moderated discussion Q&A via chats	Live presentation Moderated discussion Q&A via speaking	Single lightning talk Q&A via speaking
Meeting tool	Zoom Webinar	Zoom Meeting	Zoom Breakout Rooms

Symposium Registrants

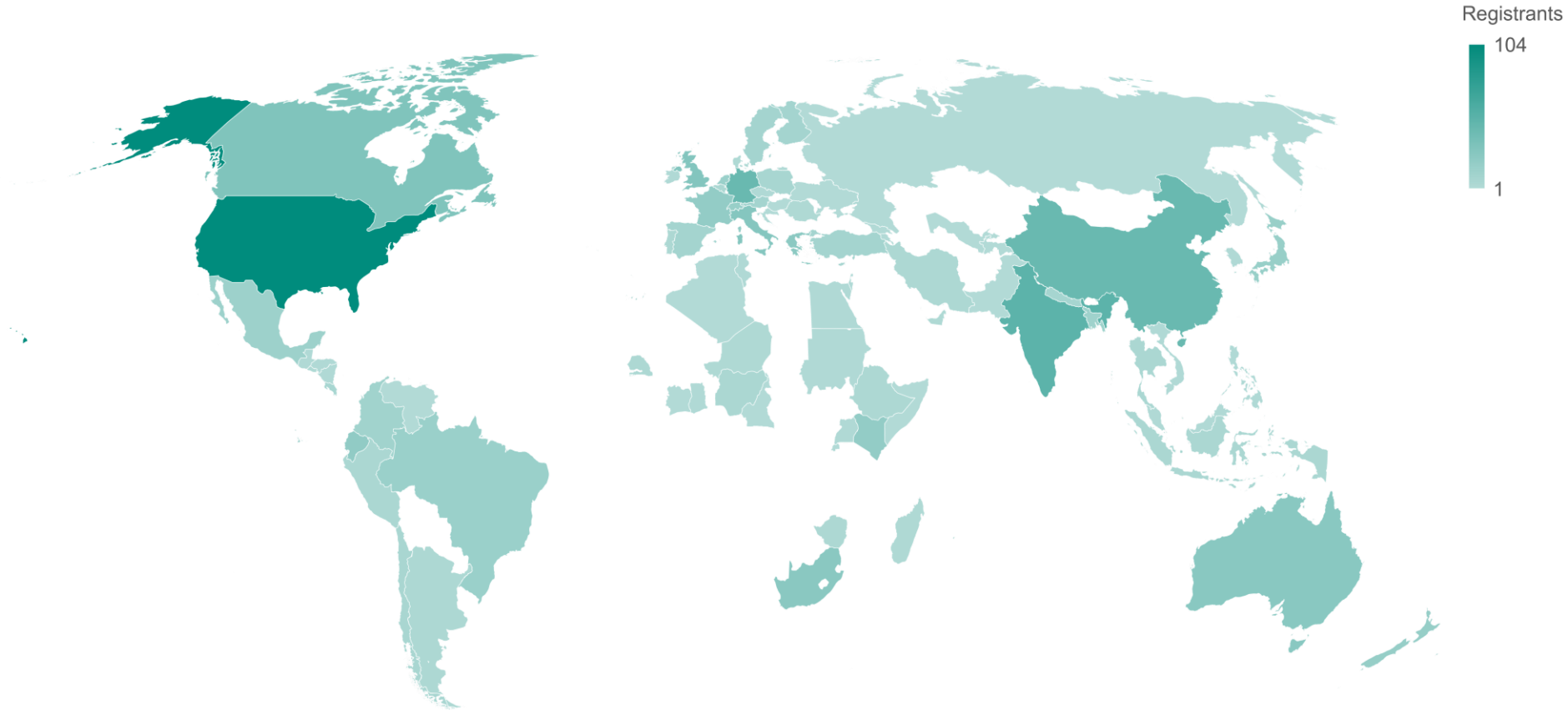


Total Registrants = 931

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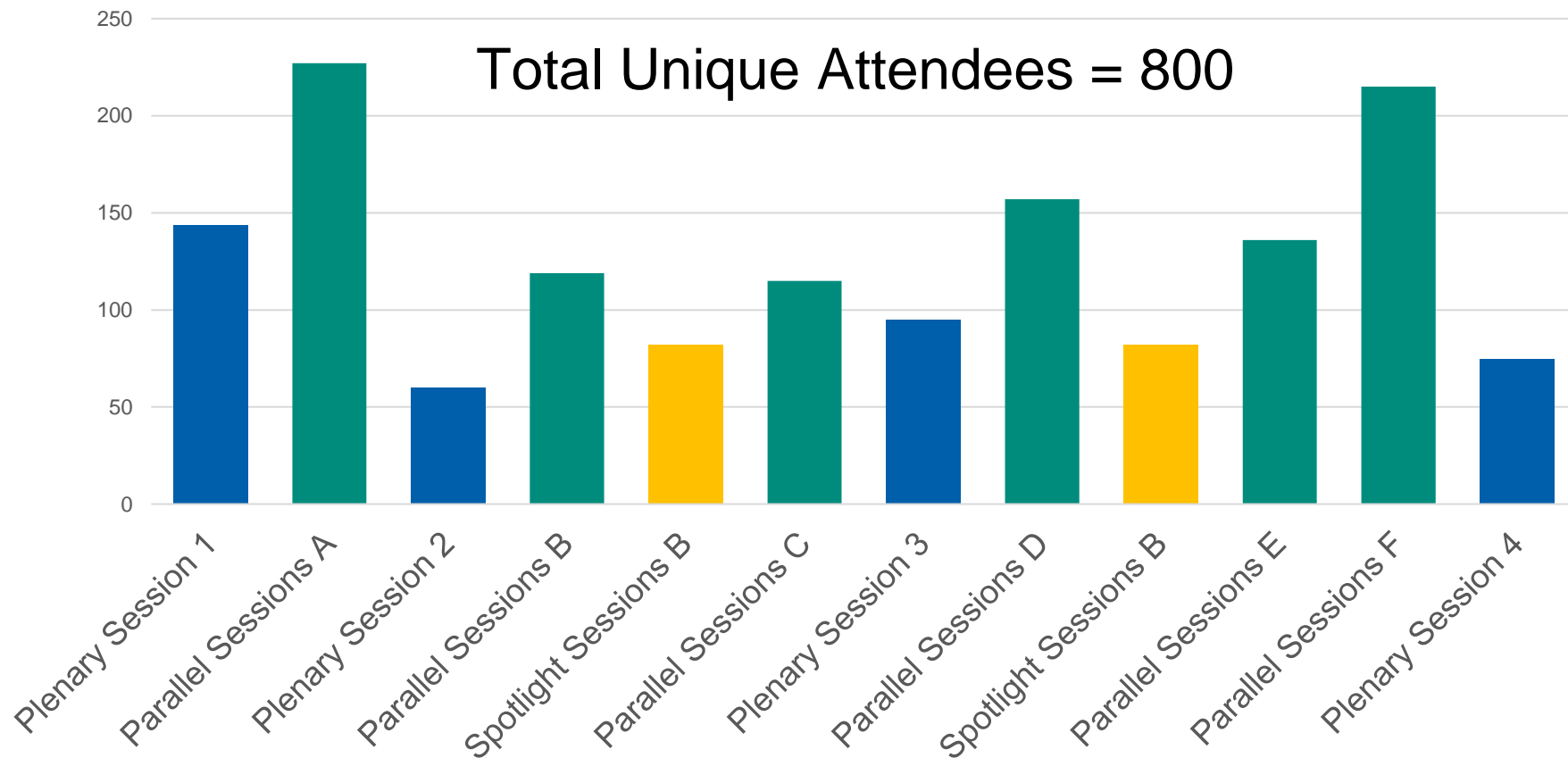
- 82 GEO Members
- 49 Participating Org's
- 4 GEO Associates
- 10 Non-Member countries
- 6 Other International Orgs

Locations of Symposium Registrants

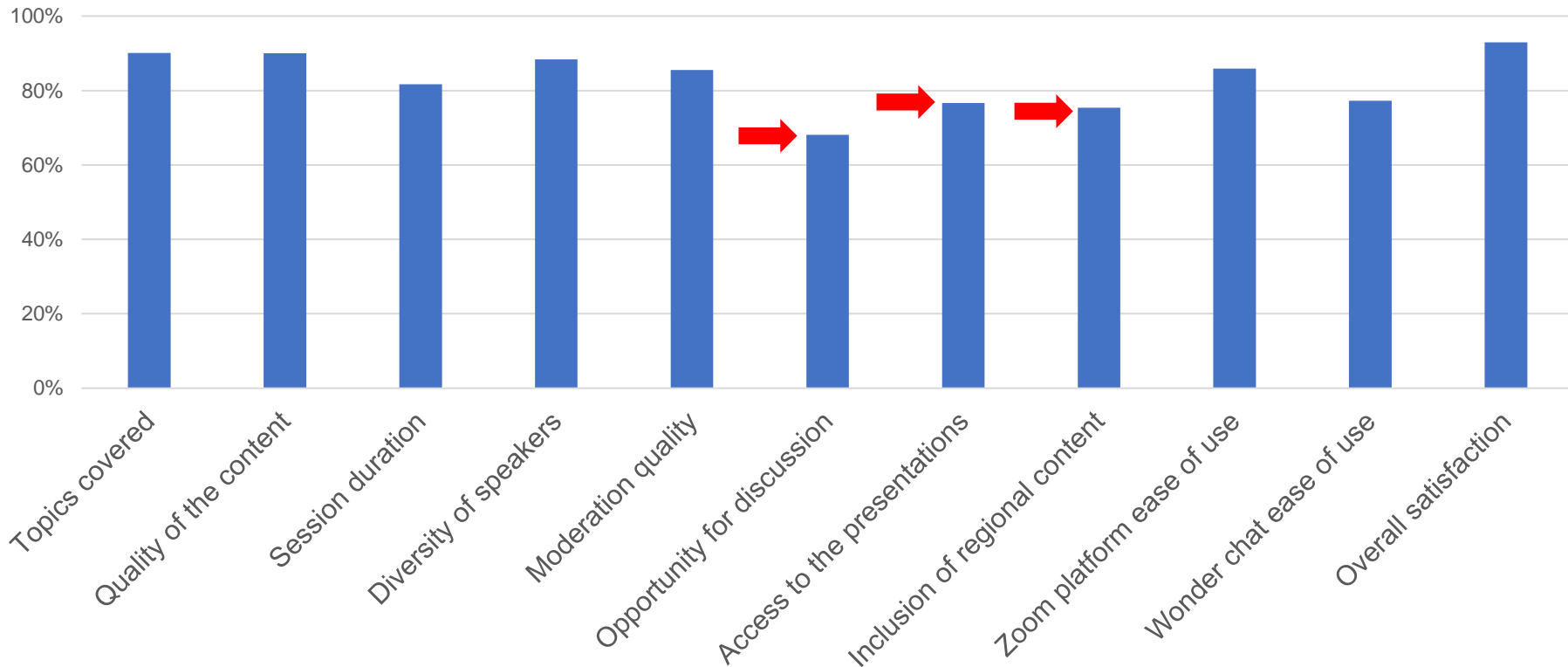


Session Attendance

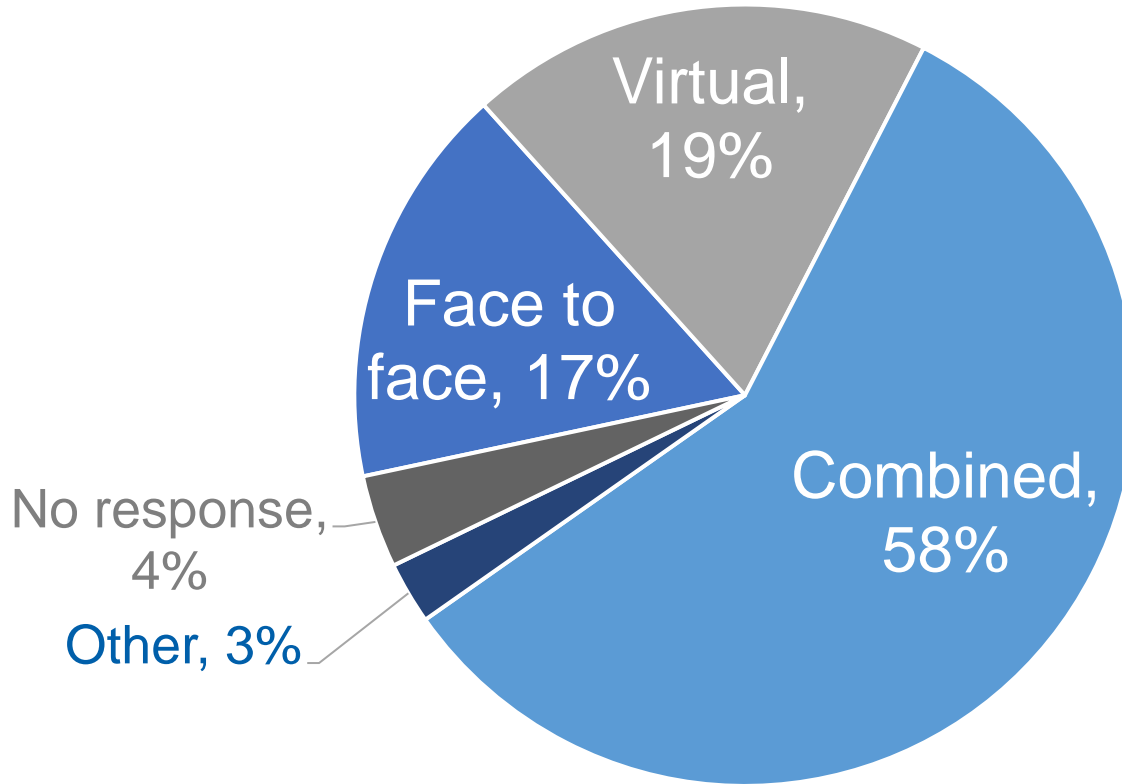
Total Unique Attendees = 800



Survey Results: % Satisfied or Very Satisfied



Preferences for Future Symposia



Observations

- Strong interest from the GEO community to organize sessions.
- Very high attendance, much more than an in-person Symposium.
- Much higher participation from developing countries.
- Attendees were selective; most attended only a few sessions.
- Plenary sessions had excellent content, but attendance was low, possibly due to delays in confirming the programme.
- Some spotlight sessions had difficulty in attracting participants.
- More time needed for discussion and questions; inclusion of regional content; access to presentations.
- Majority of survey respondents prefer Symposia offering options for in-person and remote participation.