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Group on Earth Observations

Fifteenth Plenary Session – GEO-XV

Kyoto, Japan 31 October –1 November 2018

Wednesday, 31 October 2018		Supporting Documents
9:00 – 10:00	Session 1: Opening Session	
1.1	Welcome from Japan	
1.2	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mmboneni Muofhe, Deputy Director General Science and Technology, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa (Session Chair) • Wei Huang, Vice Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, China • Patrick Child, Deputy Director-General, Research and Innovation, European Commission • Stephen Volz, Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States of America • Gilberto Camara, Director, GEO Secretariat 	
1.3	Approval of Agenda	GEO-XV-1.3(Rev3): Draft Agenda (for decision)
1.4	Approval of Draft Report of GEO-XIV	GEO-XV-1.4(Rev1): Draft Report of GEO-XIV (for decision)
1.5	Opening Keynote <p>Mami Mizutori, Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)</p>	
Session 1 Information documents:		GEO-XV-1-Inf-01: New Members, Participating

Wednesday, 31 October 2018		Supporting Documents
		Organizations and Observers (for information)
10:00 – 10:15	Opening of Exhibition	
10:15 – 10:30	Group Photograph	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00– 12:45	Session 2: Earth Observations in Support of the Sustainable Development Goals	

- 2.1 This Panel session will present Plenary with an overview of GEO's activities supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and provide a view of mandate policy holders and end users that can benefit from these efforts.

Keynote:

Greg Scott, Inter Agency Advisor, United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)

Moderator:

Satoru Ohtake, Japanese Agency for Science and Technology

Panelists:

Chu Ishida – Co-Lead Earth observations in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (EO4SDG)

Sasha Alexander – Co-Lead GEO Land Degradation Neutrality (GEO LDN)

Paloma Merodio – Vice President, National Organisation for Environment, Mapping and Statistics (INEGI) Mexico

Jun Chen – Co-Lead GEO Land Cover

Izabella Teixeira – Co Chair International Resource Panel (IRP), United Nations Environment Programme

- 2.2 Panel session outcomes and recommendations

12:45 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:45	Session 3: Earth Observations in Support of the Paris Agreement	

- 3.1 This Panel session will present Plenary with an overview of GEO's activities supporting the Paris Agreement. Currently, several GEO activities focus on mitigation, while there is

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great potential for Earth observations to also support climate adaptation and activities that limit loss and damage.

Keynote:

Florin Vladu, Adaptation Programme, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Moderator:

Werner Kutsch, ICOS Director, Head of GEO-C Secretariat

Panelists:

Margareta Johansson, INTERACT (Infrastructure project under SCANNET)

Robert Duncan McIntosh, Oceanography Officer, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Keith Garrett, Senior Geographer, Geospatial Operations, World Bank Group

Nobuko Saigusa, Director, Center of Global Environmental Research

3.2 Panel session outcomes and recommendations

15:45– 16:15 Coffee

16:15 – 18:00 Session 4: Broadening Engagement

4.1 Presentation of Regional Initiatives

4.2 Role of Regional GEOs

GEO-XV-4.2: Role of Regional GEOs (for decision)

4.3 Proposal to create a GEO Associate Category

GEO-XV- 4.3: Proposal to create a GEO Associate Category (for decision)

18:30 - 21:00 Reception

Thursday, 1 November		Supporting Documents
09:00 – 11:00 Session 5: 2017-2019 GEO Work Programme		
5.1	GEO Programme Board Report	GEO-XV-5.1: GEO Programme Board Report (for information)
5.2	GEO Highlights: GEOGLAM GEOGLOWS GOS4M GEO-LDN	
5.3	Update of the 2017-2019 GEO Work Programme Discussion, Pledges and Approval	GEO-XV-5.3: Update of the 2017-2019 GEO Work Programme (for decision)
5.4	Timing of the Mid-term Evaluation	GEO-XV-5.4: Timing of the Mid-Term Evaluation (for decision)
5.5	Slate of 2019 GEO Programme Board	GEO-XV-5.5: Slate for 2019 GEO Programme Board (for decision) Document available 30 Oct. 2018
	Session 5 Information documents:	GEO-XV-5-Inf-01: GEO 2017-2018 Highlights Report (for information) GEO-XV-5-Inf-02: Work Programme Progress Report (for information)
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee		
11:30 – 12:30 Session 6: New Paradigms for Global Interdisciplinary Science		
6.1	Michael Obersteiner, Head of Ecosystems Services and Management, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)	
6.2	Hiroshi Yamakawa, President of Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)	
6.3	Stuart Minchin, Digital Earth Africa: Open Data Cube Science for Sustainable Development Chief of the Environmental GeoScience Division Australia	

Thursday, 1 November		Supporting Documents
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	Session 7: Earth Observations in Support of the Sendai Framework	
7.1	<p>This Panel session will present Plenary with an overview of GEO's activities supporting the Sendai Framework. The four phases of the disaster cycle include prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, currently Earth observations are used less for prevention and preparedness where the biggest savings are in terms of lives and money.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Toshio Koike, Director International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (iCHARM)</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>Renato U. Solidum, Undersecretary for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, Department of Science and Technology, Philippines</i></p> <p><i>Nate Smith, Director, Technology and Innovation, Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOT)</i></p> <p><i>Lin Hui, Chinese University of Hong Kong</i></p> <p><i>Joy Jacqueline Pereira, Professor and Principal Research Fellow SEADPRI University Kabangsaan Institute for Environment and Development</i></p> <p><i>Colin Tukuitonga, Director General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community</i></p>	
7.2	Panel session outcomes and recommendations	
15:30– 16:00	Coffee	
16:00– 17:00	Session 8: The Future of GEO	
8.1	A strategy for a results-oriented GEOSS	GEO-XV-8.1: A Strategy for a results-oriented GEOSS (for information)
17:00 – 18:00	Session 9: GEO Business	
9.1	2017 Financial Statements and Audit Report	GEO-XV-9.1: 2017 Financial Statements and Audit Report (for decision)

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9.2	Proposed 2019 GEO Trust Fund Budget Pledges and approval	GEO-XV-9.2(Rev1): Proposed 2019 GEO Trust Fund Budget (for decision)
9.3	Update of the GEO Rules of Procedure	GEO-XV-9.3: Update of the GEO Rules of Procedure (for decision)
9.4	Announcement of 2019 Lead Co-Chair and Slate of 2019 Executive Committee Members	
9.5	2019 Ministerial and GEO-XVI Announcements	
9.6	Any Other Business	
9.7	Session Outcomes	
9.8	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mmboneni Muofhe, South Africa Co-Chair • Wei Huang, China Co-Chair • Patrick Child, European Commission Co-Chair • Steve Volz, United States of America Co-Chair • Gilberto Camara, GEO Secretariat Director 	
	Japan	
	Session 9 Information documents:	GEO-XV-9-Inf-01: Interim Report on Income and Expenditure as of 31 August 2018 (for information)