

# DRAFT AGENDA

## Group on Earth Observations

### Fourteenth Plenary Session – GEO-XIV

Washington D.C. USA, 25-26 October 2017

Wednesday, 25 October 2017		Supporting Documents
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Session 1: Opening Session</b>	
1.1	<b>Welcome from the United States of America</b>	
1.2	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Volz, Assistant Administrator for Satellite &amp; Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States of America (Chair of the Session)</li> <li>• Wei Huang, Vice Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, China</li> <li>• Robert-Jan Smits, Director General, Research and Innovation, European Commission</li> <li>• Philemon Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa</li> <li>• Barbara Ryan, Director, GEO Secretariat</li> </ul>	
1.3	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	GEO-XIV-1.3): Draft Agenda (for decision)
1.4	<b>Approval of Draft Report of GEO-XIII</b>	GEO-XIV-1.4: Draft Report of GEO-XIII (for decision)
1.5	<b>Earth Observations: Insight for a Changing World</b> (Presentation by the Secretariat Director)	
	Session 1 Information documents:	GEO-XIV-1-Inf-01: New Members, Participating Organizations, and Observers (for information)
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Opening of Exhibition</b>	

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**10:15 – 10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45 – 12:30 Session 2: Earth Observations in Public Policy**

A Panel discussion with city-and country-level policy makers will examine the current use of data to inform public policy. The discussion outcome will inform and advance GEO Members’ approach to engage with the public sector to further support efforts promoting sustainable development and building resilient communities

***Moderator: John Firth, CEO, Acclimatise, UK***

**12:30 – 13:45 Lunch**

**13:45 – 15:30 Session 3: Earth Observations in the Commercial Sector**

A Panel discussion with commercial sector decision makers will explore current uses of Earth observations by commercial companies to assess and manage risks, thereby optimizing their investments. Discussion outcomes will inform how GEO will best engage with business communities to promote and advance utilization of Earth observation data

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**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee**

**16:00 – 17:30 Session 4: Earth Observations in International Development**

A Panel of representatives from national and international funding and development agencies will discuss their role and interest in increasing the world’s Earth observation capacity, and how this is incorporated in their own policies and programmes.

***Moderator: Jennifer Morris, President, Conservation International, USA***

**19:00 - 22:00 Reception – Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History**

Thursday, 26 October		Supporting Documents
<b>09:00 – 10:30 Session 5: 2017-2019 GEO Work Programme</b>		
5.0	<b>Keynote Building Resilience Globally</b> <i>(Peter Head, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Ecological Sequestration Trust)</i>	
5.1	<b>Spotlight on Emerging Successes</b>	
5.2	<b>GEO Programme Board Report</b>	
5.3	<b>GEO Highlights 2016-2017</b>	GEO-XIV-5.3: GEO Highlights 2016-2017 (for information)
5.4	<b>2017-2019 GEO Work Programme Update</b>	GEO-XIV-5.4: 2017-2019 GEO Work Programme (for decision)
5.5	<b>Presentation of the Proposed 2018 GEO Trust Fund Budget</b>	GEO-XIV-5.5: Proposed 2018 GEO Trust Fund Budget (for decision)
5.6	<b>Strategy for a Sustained Resourcing of the GEO Trust Fund</b>	
<b>10:30 – 11:00 Coffee</b>		
<b>11:00 – 12:30 Session 5: Continued</b>		
5.7	<b>Discussion and Pledges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GEO 2017-2019 GEO Work Programme</li> <li>• GEO Trust Fund</li> </ul>	
5.8	<b>Approval of 2017-2019 GEO Work Programme Update</b>	
5.9	<b>Approval of 2018 GEO Trust Fund Budget</b>	
5.10	<b>Approval of Slate of 2018 GEO Programme Board</b>	GEO-XIV- 5.10: Slate for 2018 GEO Programme Board (for decision) Document available 24 Oct. 2017
<b>12:30 – 14:00 Lunch</b>		
<b>14:00 – 15:30 Session 6: National Earth Observations</b>		
Panel of representatives from developed and developing GEO Member States will discuss the value and best practices in developing and assessing national Earth observation portfolios.		

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*Moderator: Philip Thigo, Senior Advisor on Data and Innovation at the Office of the Deputy President, Kenya*

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee

16:00 – 17:30 **Session 7: Other Business, Session Outcomes and Closing Remarks**

7.1	<b>Update on the Legal Status of GEO</b>	GEO-XIV-7.1: Update on Legal Status of GEO (for information)
7.2	<b>2016 Financial Statements and Audit Report</b>	GEO-XIV-7.2: 2016 Financial Statements and Audit Report (for decision)
7.3	<b>Update of the GEO Rules of Procedure</b>	GEO-XIV-7.3: Update of the GEO Rules of Procedure (for decision)
7.4	<b>Announcement of 2018 Lead Co-Chair and Slate of 2018 Executive Committee Members</b>	
7.5	<b>GEO-XV Announcements</b>	
7.6	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
7.7	<b>Session Outcomes</b>	
7.8	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Volz, USA Co-Chair</li> <li>• Wei Huang, China Co-Chair</li> <li>• Robert-Jan Smits, European Commission Co-Chair</li> <li>• Philemon Mjwara, Republic of South Africa Co-Chair</li> <li>• Barbara Ryan, GEO Secretariat Director</li> </ul>	

Session 7 Information documents:

GEO-XIV-7-Inf-01: Interim Report on Income and Expenditure as of 31 August 2017 (for information)