

Outcomes of the 48th Executive Committee Meeting

15th GEO Programme Board Meeting

GEO Secretariat

Agenda Item 1.4

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Session 1 – General Business

1.5 Update on Secretariat Activities

Outcome: GEO Secretariat to prepare a forward plan for engagement, identifying target organizations, to the March ExCom meeting. The existing practice of providing information on emerging issues via emails to ExCom members should also be continued. The Secretariat will also review new initiatives such as the GEO-AWS Cloud Credits Programme to identify what worked and what didn't, lessons learned, and the value realized by GEO and its partners.

Action: GEO Secretariat to prepare an annual forward plan for engagement, identifying target organizations. Due: First version for 51st ExCom meeting (March 2020).

Session 1 – General Business

1.6 2020 GEO Mid-Term Evaluation:

Outcome: ExCom expressed their preference to retain the planned scope of the evaluation, even if this means that the evaluation would be completed later than originally intended.

Action: Secretariat to issue a second call for nominations following ExCom 48 with a closing date in September. Secretariat to inform ExCom members of the results of the second call, with a recommendation on whether they are adequate to conduct the evaluation. If the nominees are not collectively sufficient, the Secretariat will work with the Lead Co-Chair to arrange a teleconference of ExCom members prior to the Plenary to discuss the next steps .

Session 2 – Planning

2.1 Update on the Proposal for a Results Oriented GEOSS

Outcome:

- ExCom approved the development of the proof of concept of the GEO Knowledge Hub for presentation to the GEO-XVI Plenary.
- This decision does not imply that the full implementation of the GEO Knowledge Hub will necessarily be approved.
- If further development of the GEO Knowledge Hub is supported by Plenary and will require additional resources, the Plenary will be asked to delegate the matter to ExCom. The Secretariat will identify the resource requirements , including the level of participation required by GEO Members and GEO Work Programme activities.

Session 2 – Planning

2.2 GEO Secretariat Concept of Operations 2019-2021

Outcome: ExCom approved the document for use in developing the 2020 Trust Fund budget and for operational use by the Secretariat, subject to clarification of remaining issues identified by ExCom members in writing.

Action: ExCom members to provide any remaining issues requiring clarification to the Secretariat in writing. Due: 6 August 2019.

Action: Secretariat to circulate a revised version of the document to ExCom members, addressing the identified issues. Due: 13 August 2019.

Session 3 – Work Programme

3.1 Report of the Programme Board

Outcome: ExCom thanked the PB for its work, particularly on the development of the 2020-2022 GEO Work Programme.

3.2 Update to the section of the Rules of Procedure regarding the Programme Board

Outcome: ExCom agreed that the proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure be presented for approval to the GEO-XVI Plenary.

Session 5 – Update from WMO Congress

1.6 Update from the WMO Congress

Outcomes:

- ExCom thanked Ms Manaenkova and Mr Belda for their presentations and welcomed WMO's openness to discussing collaboration with GEO.
- ExCom encouraged GEO Member Principals to engage with their national met agencies and other partners within their government to facilitate collaboration with WMO and other international organizations.

Action: Secretariat to prepare a discussion document regarding collaboration between GEO and WMO, including an analysis of the original collaboration areas and recommendations on which areas should be the focus for future efforts. Due: 50th ExCom meeting.

Session 4 – Canberra Ministerial Summit & GEO Week 2019

4.1.2 Ministerial Agenda

Outcome: ExCom endorsed the draft agenda for the Ministerial Summit as a working document.

4.1.3 Ministerial Round Table

Outcome: ExCom took note of the preparations for the Ministerial Round Table, recommending that background documents on the final topics be distributed in advance to ministers.

4.1.4 Engaging Ministers

Outcome: ExCom encouraged GEO members to engage their ministers to seek their participation in the summit. Members were also requested to provide their delegate lists as soon as possible to the Secretariat.

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4.2.2 Side Events

- **Outcome:** ExCom endorsed the proposed approach for the side events.

4.2.3 Industry Track

- **Outcome:** ExCom members encouraged GEO members to broaden their delegations to include commercial sector participants or ministries dealing with industry.

4.2.5 and 4.2.6

Outcome: ExCom welcomed the Community, Youth and Indigenous engagement activities and the GEO Awards ceremony, recognizing them as useful innovations.

Session 7 – GEO Rules of Procedure

7.1 Changes to the Rules of Procedure: Inclusion of Paragraphs on Intellectual Property

Outcomes:

- ExCom approved the proposed paragraphs with the following revisions:
- In the second paragraph, replace both instances of the word “shall” with “should”.
- Add a sentence at the end of the second paragraph to the effect that organizations that are unable to comply with the expectation, due to legal or other constraints, should document these restrictions in advance of their involvement in the GEO Work Programme activity (or as soon as possible in the case of existing contributors).