

2020-2022 GEO Work Programme Summary Document

15th GEO Programme Board Meeting

GEO Secretariat

Agenda Item 2.5

JRC, Ispra, Italy

3-5 September 2019

www.earthobservations.org
www.geoportal.org

Focus for this Discussion

- Each category of implementation mechanism (GWP activity) has already been discussed: GEO Flagships, Initiatives, Regional GEOs, Community Activities, and Foundational Tasks.
- This discussion will focus on aspects of the GWP Summary Document other than the implementation mechanisms.

Supporting Content

- Preface
- Table of Contents
- Table of Changes
- Introduction to the GEO Work Programme
- **How to Contribute**
- Brief History of the Group on Earth Observations
- **Index by Societal Benefit Area**
- **Table of Acronyms**

Content in red text to be added in version 3

Structure of the Activity Descriptions

- Full name and short name, with link to Implementation Plan
- Overview
- Planned Activities
- Contributors
- **Related GWP Activities**
- Point(s) of Contact

Comments from Germany, with Secretariat Responses

- Documentation of additions and losses between the 2017-2019 and the 2020-2022 GWP.
 - Will add activities removed to the Table of Changes. These were not included earlier as it was not clear whether activities would resubmit or not.
 - Propose a separate analysis for PB-16 on the changes.
- GEO website search functionality for contributions by GEO Members / POs to GWP activities.
 - Planned for 2020 but affected by delays to GEO website redesign.
- Lists of contributors do not correspond to IPs.
 - Will review all contributor lists against latest IPs.
- Activity overview should show period of funding, threats to loss of funding and geographical scope.
 - Challenging to implement consistently, as many activities rely mostly on in-kind contributions. Funding information is also changeable and becomes out of date.

Comments from Germany, with Secretariat Responses

- Continue seeking updates from GWP activities.
 - Secretariat plans a strengthened monitoring approach starting in 2020.
- Request for a document describing and assessing the benefits and difficulties with the categories of implementation mechanisms.
 - Included in the terms of reference for the mid-term evaluation.
- Request more coordination between thematically overlapping activities.
 - Some progress has been made in this GWP, but this is a large and ongoing task. Integration of activities is not always desirable.
 - Activity descriptions will include reference to related activities.
- Structure the Summary Document by SBA?
 - Most activities relate to more than one SBA and thus the SBAs do not provide a suitable structure for the document.

Comments from Germany, with Secretariat Responses

- Remove SBA on Infrastructure and Transport Management.
 - Agree, if approved by PB.
- Add Climate back as an SBA.
 - Agree, if approved by PB.
- Add a short section to the Summary Document on “how you can contribute to the GWP”.
 - Will add this section to version 3.
- Naming of some GWP activities.
 - Addressed in item 2.4.
- How should other regional activities (GEOSSEs) be handled?
 - Propose to address on a case by case basis, but welcome PB guidance.
- Working Groups (and the Task Team?) should report to the PB.
 - Agree. This can be added to the ToRs.