

Proposed Terms of Reference for the Awards Subgroup

This document is submitted by the Awards Subgroup to the Programme Board for decision.

1 BACKGROUND

At the 13th Programme Board Meeting, document 13.07 introduced the concept of formal recognition of outstanding work in GEO Work Programme activities. The document laid out an initial process, with potential awards and additional considerations. The Programme Board agreed with the recommendations, and a Recognition Subgroup was established to carry out next steps. subgroup terms of reference

The Recognition Subgroup developed a several options, outlined in document 14.10. Based on Programme Board concurrence, the first recognition process was conducted, with awards given at the Canberra Plenary in November 2019. Since the original task of developing the awards process was completed, the Recognition Subgroup was dissolved, and a new Awards Subgroup was formed to review the nominations and recommend a set of award recipients.

At its 15th meeting, the Programme Board discussed lessons learned from the first awards process and identified an initial set of guidelines.

Programme Board approved the continuation of the Awards Subgroup at its 16th meeting, requesting in Action 16-08 that the Awards Subgroup develop draft terms of reference for Programme Board approval. This document responds to this action.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Awards Subgroup recommends that the Programme Board approve the terms of reference in Annex A to this document.

ANNEX A

GEO PROGRAMME BOARD – AWARDS SUBGROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

The Awards Subgroup is convened in response to the desire to recognize exemplary ongoing efforts of the members of the GEO community in convening expertise across numerous disciplines, nurturing communities and mobilizing common action, promoting broad and open data policies, and generating tangible results that allow for sustained Earth observation information for the benefit of humankind. The Subgroup will oversee the development, evaluation, and recognition of such efforts.

DUTIES

- Develop award categories and descriptions that support inclusiveness, the GEO principles, and the GEO Work Programme.
- Develop selection criteria consistent with inclusiveness, GEO principles, and support for the GEO Work Programme.
- Conduct periodic calls for nominations in support of the award categories.
- Develop and periodically revise (as needed) review criteria for nominations.
- Establish the eligibility rules for nominees.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- Release of Annual Awards Call.
- Recommendation of winners based on review criteria.
- Periodic reports to the Programme Board and the Executive Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Awards SG is open to all Programme Board member representatives, as well as to other individuals nominated by GEO Members, Participating Organizations and Associates.