

Programme Board Plan of Work 2020 (updated August 2020)

At its 16th meeting on February 6-7, 2020, the GEO Programme Board adopted a Plan of Work for 2020. The following table represents the tasks that the GEO Programme Board will work to complete during 2020. The work items stem from PB's prior year's discussions, Executive Committee and Plenary outcomes, and observed future need.

#	Work Item Title	Work Item Description	Priority	Lead Entity	PB-16 decisions / comments	Status
Discussed in 2019						
1	Continued engagement with GWP activity teams. -from PB 12, 13, 14, 15	PB, through Engagement Teams, to promote cross-interaction among related GWP activities to facilitate horizontal collaboration and integration, and to continue with GWP teams to facilitate growth and successful implementation.	1	Engagement Teams	PB-16 action on PB members to confirm their participation in PB Engagement Teams.	Launch of the ETs began in April but was stalled due to time demands related to the GEO Symposium. Restarted in July, although most meetings with Flagships, Initiatives, and Regional GEOs will not occur until September.
2	Diversity in GEO (GWP) -from PB 13 and 15	An effort to promote diversity (3G's: Gender, Generation, Geography) within GEO	1	UK (Nathalie Pettorelli)	PB-16 approved Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Subgroup ToR.	The SG has been meeting regularly and is active. A report is planned for around the end of the year (after PB-18).
3	Private Sector Engagement in GWP -from PB-14	Identify a range of need/opportunities for private sector contributions to GWP and private sector use of GWP outputs.	1	AUS/SA/USA	PB-16 agreed to set up a Private Sector Subgroup.	The SG has been meeting regularly to map out a strategy. This work is still ongoing.
4	A GEO "Resource/Guide" -from PB-15	Develop a Resource/Guide for GWP activity leads on scaling, mobilizing resources, commercial sector engagement	2	AUS/IAG	PB-16 determined that AUS/IAG will define the Guide's scope in second half of 2020, following consultations at GEO Symposium and leveraging outputs of Private Sector, EDI and other special teams.	No known action.

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5	Follow up and next steps on engagement with UN Habitat	Are next steps clear for PB?	1	Urban Resilience Task Force Leads	PB-16 agreed this would be in the purview of Urban Resilience SG.	This is being managed within the UR SG.
New Proposals (some inspired by past discussions)						
6	Foundational Task WG ToRs	Review and revise WG ToRs to respond to ExCom-49 comments	1	GEOSEC, PB	Task completed at PB-16.	WGs launched, co-chairs selected, subgroups established. Working to define priorities.
7	Knowledge Hub Implementation Plan	Review implementation plan for submission to Excom-51	1	GID-TT	PB-16 recommended further consultation within the Task Team prior to review by PB members. A revised timeline was approved, which would require deferring ExCom review until its 52nd meeting.	GKH implementation plan was approved by ExCom 52 and is being implemented.
8	GEO Awards	Review Lessons Learned from the inaugural round. What adjustments need to be made to the process, criteria, etc. Consider whether additional awards categories should be launched. Agree on timeline for 2020 awards process. Decide if the committee membership stays the same or new members every year.	1	Awards SG	PB-16 agreed to continue with aim to publish call for Individual Excellence Award nominations in April 2020 timeframe. A subgroup will be formed and develop ToR over the course of 2020. Consult PB Actions 16-07, 16-08, 16-09	The call for nominations was delayed but was launched during the 2020 GEO Symposium. The Awards Subgroup will present a proposed ToR at PB-18.
9	Google Offer to Work with GEO on Promoting GEO results through GEE	Determine what, if any, engagement is necessary between Google Earth Engine team and PB to alleviate concerns around risks to personal data, etc.	2	Special Team, Data WG	PB-16 decided this could be handled by either the Data WG or a special purpose team.	Not resolved.
10	Report on progress from cloud service credits programmes	Discuss the need for a mid-term and end-of-term feedback from the projects who are receiving cloud service credits (GEE and AWS).	2	GEOSEC (Doug)	PB-16 agreed to review end-of-term results. Consult PB Action 16-10.	Document on lessons learned from the programmes to date expected for PB-18.
11	Youth Engagement in GEO	Determine means by which GEO can promote youth engagement in GEO/EO sphere.	1	EDI Subgroup	PB-16 agreed this will be in the purview of EDI SG and topic of interest for future events.	This is being taken up by the EDI SG.

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12	Regional GEO Coordination	Is there a role for PB? Will the Regional GEOs review teams have a role?	1	Regional Engagement Team	PB-16 determined this will be handled by PB's Regional GEO Engagement Team.	The intent is for the Regional ET to follow a process similar to that for the Flagships and Initiatives. The Secretariat has circulated a slightly revised set of questions to ET members for comment.
13	GEO Symposium	Plan GEO Symposium 2020	1	Symposium SG	PB-16 decided to establish Symposium 2020 Subgroup.	Symposium held successfully. Document planned for PB-18 to support a lessons-learned discussion.
14	"From email to action": on Reproducibility Crisis	Develop a paper with problem statement and recommendation for solutions to promote wider awareness and discussion internationally.		GEOSEC (Gilberto)	Secretariat offered to prepare a discussion paper on this topic.	Deferred due to other priorities.
15	UN-DRR engagement session		1	GEO DRR-WG	PB-16 determined DRR WG will continue to expand on this mandate. PB-16 encouraged more special sessions on engagement with key stakeholders.	DRR WG established. Additional special sessions will only be considered once the COVID-19 pandemic has abated.
16	Canberra Ministerial Declaration: Translating Declaration into Action for GEO	Review Ministerial Declaration and determine if it inspires any new actions for PB.	1	GEOSEC, PB	PB-16 decisions respond to the Declaration Content. ExCom-51 may provide further guidance.	ExCom 52 decided that reporting against the Canberra Declaration to be primarily through the SecOps reports. Also asked that the PB be more engaged in the Pacific Islands AG.

GEO Programme Board Meeting Schedule 2020:

Programme Board-16: February 5-7 (Geneva, Switzerland)

Programme Board-17: June 15 and June 19 (Geneva, Switzerland) – held as a videoconference

Programme Board 18: September 1-3 (Accra, Ghana) – to be held as a videoconference