

Key Outcomes and Actions from the 52nd Executive Committee Meeting

18th GEO Programme Board Meeting

GEO Secretariat

Agenda Item 1.3

Videoconference

1-3 September 2020

Key Outcomes and Actions Affecting the PB

2.1 GEO Knowledge Hub Implementation Plan

- ExCom approved the implementation of the next phase (July 2020 to June 2021) of development of the GKH;
- ExCom requested that the Secretariat provide regular updates to the ExCom, the PB, and the GIDTT on the progress in implementing the plan;
- ExCom requested that regular information updates about the GKH be provided to the GEO community, possibly through a webpage on the GEO website.

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2.2 Programme Board Update

- ExCom thanked the PB for their work, especially under the difficult circumstances in the past few months noting the successful GEO 2020 Virtual Symposium;
- ExCom welcomed the PB plan to prepare a document summarizing the challenges and opportunities for the GEO community arising due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- ExCom recommended that the GEO Awards process be formalized and its progress to be reviewed by the ExCom;
- ExCom requested that the PB provide information regarding progress made by GWP activities over the past year.

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2.3 Implementing the Resolutions of the Canberra Declaration

- ExCom thanked the Pacific Islands Advisory Group for their report and for the initial progress in engaging countries and territories in the region, and looked forward to strengthening capacity development for the Pacific Islands;
- ExCom noted the good progress being achieved on the elements of the Canberra Declaration and appreciated the tracking of actions by the Secretariat;
- Requested that updates on progress against the Canberra Declaration be provided in advance of future meetings through the Secretariat Operations Reports;
- ExCom asked that the Pacific Islands Advisory Group engage more closely with the PB and with AOGEO as it continues its work.

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7.1 GEO Week 2020

- ExCom endorsed the proposal from South Africa to postpone the GEO-17 Plenary to October/November 2021;
- ExCom proposed that an extraordinary ExCom meeting be held in November 2020 to deal with the key Plenary decision items, this meeting to involve GEO Members which are not member of the ExCom either directly in the meeting or prior to the meeting;
- ExCom created a [In Lieu of] Plenary Working Group (ILPG) to organize activities required to address required Plenary business issues as well as other engagement activities for the GEO community.

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8.1 Review of Applications for Participating Organizations

- ExCom approved the applications from the following organizations:
 - Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT)
 - Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)
 - Plan4all
 - United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

8.2 Review of Applications for GEO Associate status:

- ExCom approved the applications from the following organizations:
 - AmericaView
 - Eversis

Thank You

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