

Joint GEO Working Groups Evaluation Survey: Analysis and Recommendations

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Revised General Recommendations for approval by PB

01

The GEO WGs consider more flexible structures (e.g. steering and sub-groups), and modes of operation (i.e. workplan, on-demand advice, CoP), and membership that are based on the needs of the GEO Work Programme activities and the broader policy landscape within which they operate.

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The GEO WGs' activities align with the efforts taking place under the Programme Board on GEO Work Programme engagement, coordination and integration, including via the post-2025 incubators.

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The GEO WGs revise their Terms of Reference (ToR) to be approved by the Programme Board to align with the post-2025 GEO strategy, once adopted.

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~~The GEO WGs membership be reviewed and differentiated between active members and observers, with active members being able to contribute to deliverables and regularly participate in WG meetings.~~

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The GEO WGs membership include nominations from GEO Work Programme leads and Regional GEOs, in addition to nominations from GEO Members, Participating Organizations, and Associates.

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The GEO WGs establish and coordinate annual workplans, identifying concrete outputs, as well as resource implications and leads among Co-Chairs and active members.

07

The GEO WGs hold a standing joint WG meeting and/or session, with a theme to be determined, at the annual GEO Symposium.

General Recommendations for approval by PB

Also, respondents requested:



TRAVEL SUPPORT
FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS



MORE
REGULAR
MEETINGS



ONLINE AND IN-
PERSON EVENTS



LANGUAGE
RESOURCES



ENHANCED
COMMUNICATION
SUPPORT
TO PROMOTE EVENTS
AND DELIVERABLES

In order to be able to meet these needs, the GEO Secretariat will require **additional resources** to be provided by the GEO membership. One possible cost-effective option could be intern support to WG coordinators.

Individual WG Recommendations for approval by PB



The CC-WG continue its activities with the support of GEO Secretariat Climate and Biodiversity Coordinator.



The DRR-WG continue its activities with the support of GEO Secretariat DRR Coordinator.



The CD-WG be **transformed into a Community of Practice (CoP) reshaped within the flexible definition of WGs** with the support of the Capacity Development Coordinator.



The formation and direction of a future RCHS-WG be supported by the GEO Secretariat Urban Resilience Coordinator.



The Data-WG continue its activities with the support of GEO Secretariat GEOSS Coordinator and In Situ Data Specialist.