

Engagement Strategy Implementation Plan

This Document is being provided to the Executive Committee for decision.

This document titled, “Engagement Strategy Implementation Plan” is a concise overview of the highest-priority engagement objectives, approaches and methodologies necessary to deliver, over the next four years, unprecedented progress on achieving the Group on Earth Observations’ (GEO) vision of *a future wherein decisions and actions for the benefit of humankind are informed by coordinated, comprehensive and sustained Earth observations* by building a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

The following three objectives are based on the high-level guidance from the [2015 Mexico City Ministerial Declaration](#), the [GEO Strategic Plan 2016-2025: Implementing GEOSS](#), and the [Report of the Engagement Strategy Sub-group](#) as approved by the 34th Session of the GEO Executive Committee:

1. To establish GEO as the leading global advocate for broad, open data policies and practices;
2. To establish GEO as a key intergovernmental mechanism to ensure that Earth observations underpin global environmental decision-making; and
3. To ensure that ~~that~~ the GEOSS Common Infrastructure is the primary global resource for Earth observation data and information for better-informed decision-making.

Each of these three high-priority objectives capitalize on, indeed reinforce, several of GEO’s inherent strengths and core competencies: GEO’s convening power and ability to bring together the entire value-chain, from Earth observations to value-added products and services to users; its unique organizational flexibility, nimbleness and collegiality; its key standing and reputation as a neutral broker; and its increasing access to senior-level government officials, and high-level decision makers and policy makers.

Embedded within each of these three priority objectives are activities designed to expand GEO’s outreach to, and deepen its engagement with, key stakeholder communities. While the stakeholder communities may vary with each priority objective, the following entities are represented across the spectrum: current and future GEO Member governments, United Nations institutions, Secretariats of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, Multilateral Development Banks, current and future Participating Organizations, and the private sector. Interactions with these stakeholders will be focused on targeted events (largely co-sponsored with other entities) that are designed to convene and engage key users and to identify their needs, collaboratively develop solutions that advance ~~–~~GEOSS implementation, and, ultimately, deliver the added-value inherently embedded in GEO’s convening power, and its system of systems framework.

Appendix 1 presents a 4 year timeline for the specific engagement priorities described below, as well as additional detail on specific events.

1 TO ESTABLISH GEO AS THE LEADING GLOBAL ADVOCATE FOR BROAD, OPEN DATA POLICIES AND PRACTICES.

While much success has been achieved in GEO's first decade in advocating for broad, open data policies and practices, particularly with the development and implementation of the GEO Data Sharing Principles, these Principles are still primarily confined to the GEO community. To establish GEO as the leading global advocate for broad, open data policies and practices, GEO must collaborate more extensively with other international entities that also occupy part of this space.

In this regard, the International Council for Science (ICSU) and its Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA), and World Data Systems (WDS), the Research Data Alliance (RDA), and the relatively newly formed Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) are targeted for priority engagement. Each of these international organizations are comprised of, and supported by, GEO Members, scientists, technologists and practitioners involved in GEO activities, initiatives and/or governance mechanisms. Resources, both cash and in-kind, are being expended throughout this ecosystem and stronger engagement with these entities will leverage those resources. Co-convening and/or delivering keynote addresses, Panel presentations and Side Events at these global forums also allow GEO to broaden its reach in communicating the primary advantages (capacity building, economic growth, education and environmental transparency) of broad, open data sharing. The ultimate goal is for more governmental, international, not-for-profit and private sector organizations to make their Earth observation data broadly and openly available.

1.1 Priority Engagements/Partners

1.1.1 Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)

Following the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations in late 2015, the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) was formed to support data-driven decision-making by initiating more open, new and usable data to help end extreme poverty, and combat climate change and ensure a healthy life for all (<http://www.data4sdgs.org/#intro>).

With political support and engagement from 9 GEO Member Countries (Canada, Colombia, France, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Senegal, UK and USA), GEO will continue as a member of the Interim Steering Group Committee and Coordination Team (GEO Secretariat, supported by the United States) to ensure that GEO as an international framework, in general, and the GEO Data Sharing Policies, specifically, are leveraged to the greatest extent possible.

The GEO Secretariat and selected GEO Members will continue to co-facilitate and participate in the Data Policies and Protocols Working Group (European Commission and CODATA, respectively), and participate as a member of the Data Collaboratives (United States) and Architecture (Italy) Working Groups.

The GEO Secretariat will enhance communication with the 9 GEO Principals whose Countries are represented in the GPSDD to reinforce the message that GEO as an international framework and the Data Sharing Policies need to be leveraged more fully in the GPSDD.

1.1.2 ICSU/CODATA/WDS and RDA

The GEO Secretariat will co-sponsor, with ICSU/CODATA/WDS and RDA, the International Data Week Event in September 2016 (Denver, Colorado), and subsequent years (locations to be determined) in order to strengthen GEO's advocacy for broad, open data policies. As described above, GEO Member Countries and personnel are heavily engaged in these three organizations, and partnering on this key international event reinforces the linkages with three Participating Organizations, leverages national investments, and optimizes GEO's advocacy role.

The GEO Secretariat will partner with RDA to leverage the RDA Plenary agenda and Side Events to advance broad, open data policies and practices. Representatives from the GEO community attend these Plenary Sessions and also participate in RDA Working and Interest Groups, as well as on the Technical Advisory Board.

1.1.3 Eye on Earth Alliance

The GEO Secretariat and the GEOSS Development (GD-07) Working Group will continue to participate in the Eye on Earth Alliance and Global Network of Networks (GNON) initiative, respectively. A mapping of GNON activities to the e-infrastructure elements of GEOSS emerged as an action from the last Eye on Earth Summit. The Alliance also provides a mechanism to strengthen the partnership with the Abu Dhabi Environmental Data Initiative (AGEDI); the Environment Agency of Abu Dhabi (EAD) (a new Member of GEO); the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN); the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (a Participating Organization in GEO); and the World Resources Institute (WRI). Through the every-four-year Summits, primarily resourced by the Abu Dhabi government, global attention is focused on the demand and enabling conditions of data considered essential to support informed decision-making and, most recently, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. GEO Secretariat will serve a one-year term as the first Chair of the EoE Alliance in 2016.

1.1.4 GEO Members

The GEO Secretariat will develop, administer and publish a survey of data policies among GEO Members (initial survey in 2016, with periodic updates thereafter), so that a global assessment of data policies can be mapped and tracked for progress. These national data policy surveys will be used to measure GEO's progress of ensuring that the priority objective of being the leading global advocate for broad, open data policies is realized.

2 TO ESTABLISH GEO AS A KEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL MECHANISM TO ENSURE THAT EARTH OBSERVATIONS UNDERPIN GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL DECISION-MAKING

In 2011 (G20 Agriculture Ministers Cannes Declaration) and in 2012 (Rio +20 The Future We Want report), references were made to the contributions that GEO, GEOSS and/or GEOGLAM could make to global initiatives to address environmental and societal challenges. Similar efforts have since been undertaken, and achieved, with the Convention on Biodiversity (for GEO BON) and the G7 Science Ministers (encouraging Members to participate in GEO). The rationale for incorporating GEO-specific language in these Communiqués, Declarations, UN Conventions and/or Multilateral Agreements is several fold. First, words that reference GEO as an intergovernmental framework or mechanism to be leveraged brings additional attention, visibility and support to GEO and its activities. Secondly, and possibly more importantly, is the fact that these Conventions/Agreements, etc., are issuing policy guidance to the Parties to the Conventions (national governments) and suggesting additional actions upon which to embark in their own countries. In the case of GEO, this guidance often centers on either supporting the intergovernmental mechanism, in and of itself, or supporting a specific initiative. In both instances, the resultant action at the country level is intended to be sustained, enhanced, or new investments in national observation systems, including the broad and open release of data from these systems. These actions are the building blocks for the global Earth observation system of systems we call GEOSS.

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2.1 Priority Engagements/Partners:

2.1.1 G7 and G20 Engagements

The GEO Secretariat and the relevant GEO Members will enhance the G7 and G20 discussions to ensure that GEO, as an existing intergovernmental mechanism, and its relevant initiatives (GEOGLAM, Blue Planet, etc.) are referenced in communiques and guidance documents so that national programmes and their investments in GEOSS receive higher-level political support.

The recent (2015) G7 Science Ministers Communique (and its reference to GEO) establishes a strong foundation to bring high-level political support to GEO as a mechanism for developing data-driven solutions to global environmental challenges, thereby strengthening the G7 country commitments to GEO. The discussions underway (2016) are to bring more attention and ultimate support to selected GEO initiatives.

Following the recommendation from the GEOGLAM Advisory Committee (November 2015), the GEOGLAM Implementation Team and the GEO Secretariat are developing a strategy to work with selected G20 Member Countries to reinforce/update the G20 GEOGLAM guidance. Conversations have been held with Canada, China (the 2016 host), France and the United States.

2.1.2 Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)

The GEO Secretariat will extend collaborations with the Secretariats of additional Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) to ensure GEO's global initiatives are referenced in guidance to national governments, thereby 1) creating an incentive for sustained observations, and their associated infrastructures at the national level, and 2) laying the foundation for national and/or regional collaboration to develop indicators and/or more efficient and effective mechanisms to measure and monitor progress toward those global commitments.

Guidance referencing GEO currently exists with the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) for GEO BON. Collaboration and initial discussions are underway with the following Conventions: the Minamata Convention on Mercury (GMOS Team); the Paris Agreement on Climate Change (UNFCCC and GEO Secretariats); the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (GEO and Ramsar Secretariats); the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (CEOS, GEO Secretariat, UNISDR and UNOOSA); and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD and GEO Secretariats).

Experience has shown that these are generally multi-year discussions and, in addition to the work of the respective Secretariats, often require the support of several influential Member States to the individual Conventions. In this regard, the GEO Secretariat will, over the next three years, reach out to selected GEO Principals to communicate with their national counterparts to the Conventions. In addition to strengthening GEO and this specific engagement objective, actions like this reinforce the need for, and utility of, national GEO coordinating mechanisms.

Building on a preliminary framing meeting scheduled in 2016 by the United States, the GEO Secretariat will enhance partnerships with The World Bank and selected UN Organizations and NGOs to help integrate Earth observations into national ecosystem accounts, thus establishing a critical link between Earth observations and the core efforts of the UN Statistical Commission System of Environmental Economic Accounting (UNSEEA).

2.1.3 Sustainable Development Goals

The GEO Secretariat, with support from selected Members, will continue to collaborate with the UN Statistics Division (UNSD), the UN Global Geospatial Information [Management Initiative](#) (UNGGIM) and the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) to facilitate the integration of Earth observations and geospatial information with the standard Statistical reporting mechanisms for measuring and monitoring progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The GEO Secretariat will continue to seek additional participation from GEO Members to strengthen the GEO GI-18 Task Team so that stronger linkages can be forged between the GEO Principals and their ~~N~~National Statistical Officers, who will have the reporting responsibility for progress on the SDGs.

The GEO Secretariat will continue to work with ~~t~~The World Bank to select several pilot projects where their investments are being used to help advance SDG Implementation. Following these efforts (in the out years), the GEO Secretariat, with support from GEO Members, will resume discussions with the other Development Banks, in particular the African Development Bank for AfriGEOSS, the Asia Development Bank for ~~(Asia-Oceania-GEOSS Asia-Pacific region)~~, and with the InterAmerican Development Bank and CAF for AmeriGEOSS.

2.1.4 Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms

AfriGEOSS -- Enhance Africa's capacity to produce, manage and use Earth observations, while enabling the Region's participation in, and contribution to, AfriGEOSS specifically, and GEOSS, generally.

The African Caucus and GEO Secretariat will continue to advocate and support the development of an AfriGEOSS Steering Committee comprised of policy makers and users of Earth observations, as compared to providers of Earth observations, to seek political support for broad, open data policies particularly by African GEO Members, and broader continental political support for sustained observing systems, including both space-based and ~~i~~*in situ*.

The African Caucus Members, supported by the GEO Secretariat, will engage with the African Union Commission (AUC) to build on the GEO linkages with the 'space science and technology in socio-economic development' efforts to increase domestic engagement, mobilize domestic resources and implement the African Space Policy and Strategy.

AmeriGEOSS -- Enhance the collaboration and coordination among GEO Members in North and South America with a focus on four Societal Benefit Areas (SBAs), including Sustainable Agriculture, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Monitoring, Disaster Risk Reduction and Water Resources Management.

The Americas Caucus and the GEO Secretariat will encourage broader participation of regional entities in South America in the AmeriGEOSS initiative. To date, the Pan-American Institute for Geography and History (PAIGH) may be the only regional GEO Participating Organization in the Americas. With several remaining holes in South American GEO Membership, regional POs can play a key role in exposing their Member States to GEO writ large, and AmeriGEOSS, in particular, as a good example of regional implementation of GEO's framework, practices and initiatives.

Balkan GEO – GEO Members from the Balkans and the GEO Secretariat will continue to support the Inter-Balkan Environment Center (i-BEC) in its efforts to coordinate among the Balkan governments and regional entities, particularly the cross-border River Commissions, to utilize Earth observations for better informed decision-making. *In situ* observations and the Data Cube technology are of particular interest in this regional GEO.

Himalayan GEO – GEO Member Countries and the GEO Secretariat will support ICIMOD's efforts to build a Himalayan GEO to enhance coordination among the Himalayan governments to better use Earth observations for informed decision-making.

Arctic Circle Conference – Selected GEO Member Countries and Participating Organizations and the GEO Secretariat will continue to participate in the annual multi-stakeholder conference on Arctic Region environmental and societal issues. In 2016, the GEO Secretariat and GEO Cold Region Partners will secure a Plenary Session to present the status of Earth observations (atmosphere, oceans, land) in the Arctic, and the convening ability of GEO to coordinate integrated Earth observations in this globally important area.

2.1.5 National GEO Mechanisms

In order to achieve progress on this priority objective, the broader, representational role that GEO Principals play, or are intended to play, in their national governments must be enhanced globally. Experience from GEO's first decade shows that when national GEO mechanisms exist, the participation in GEO activities and initiatives is broader, thereby increasing GEO's visibility, as well as its impact. When national delegations are limited to one organization, as soon as there is either a lack of resources or a lack of interest, the presence of a given country evaporates. While some agencies no longer participate in GEO, they are often times reluctant to share the leadership role with another sister agency.

The GEO Secretariat will give more visibility to the importance of broader and more inclusive national GEO mechanisms, to establish GEO as a key national interagency entity that, through the use of integrated Earth observations, can underpin national, as well as international, environmental decision-making.

3 TO ENSURE THAT THE GEOSS COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE IS THE PRIMARY GLOBAL RESOURCE FOR EARTH OBSERVATION DATA AND INFORMATION FOR BETTER-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING

With nearly 200 million resources discoverable through the GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI), significant progress has been made since 2010 when the discoverable resources numbered 300. Yet, results of several (possibly all) monitoring and evaluation studies show that GEO Members, Participants and the Community at large, in addition to being dissatisfied with the ease in which they can access data from the GCI, do not ensure that data from their own organizations/programmes/projects are made available to the GCI. This situation is compounded by the fact that national governments are also making investments in other electronic geospatial infrastructures at either the national or international level, and generally do not issue guidance to the system developers that coordination with GEO is an essential first step. While additional infrastructure build-outs will occur, more can (and should) be done to make sure that the GCI is leveraged, so that additional linkages and functionality can be derived from these national investments.

3.1 Priority Engagements/Partners

3.1.1 Belmont Forum

GEO will continue to participate in implementation of the Belmont Forum e-Infrastructure and Data Management (e-IDM) initiative as a member of the Advisory Board (GEO Secretariat) and key contributor (European Commission, France, Italy, Japan, UK and USA) to ensure that development efforts leverage, rather than duplicate the GCI.

Enhance communication with the 16 GEO Principals who represent Belmont Forum Members to reinforce the message that the GCI needs to be better leveraged.

3.1.2 GEO Members ~~and Enhanced GCI Operations~~

The GEO Secretariat will partner with the GEOSS Portal Operator (ESA) and the Discovery and Access Broker (DAB) architects (CNR) to improve the operational search and access capabilities of GEOSS through the GCI.

The GEO Secretariat will advance GCI Implementation by brokering new, key and selected data sets and providers, and will work with the Programme Board to ensure that guidance to Community Activities, Initiatives and Flagships include making their data available to the GCI, as well as relying on the GCI as the primary source of data for their needs.

3.1.3 *GEO Corporate Partners*

The GEO Executive Committee will deepen engagement with the private sector to increase the uptake of data from the GCI into value-added products and services in order to better meet user demand and, at the same time, increase economic growth derived from these data.

As a first step, the Executive Committee, with support from the GEO Secretariat, will solicit views of industry associations, like EARSC, to seek feedback on Corporate Partner membership in GEO, ultimately to finalize the proposal to the GEO-XIII Plenary for a Corporate Partner category of membership in GEO.

~~3.1.4~~ Geospatial World Forum --

The GEO Secretariat will ensure selected GEO initiatives are prominent in the agendas for the annual Geospatial World Forums, and selected regional Geospatial Forums where Regional GEO initiatives exist – AfriGEOSS, AmeriGEOSS, Asia/Oceania GEOSS, etc.

~~3.1.5~~ Esri User Conference --

The GEO Secretariat will continue to join this annual, international event through Plenary, Side Event and Exhibition participation. With 400,000 ArcGIS Users across the globe, this event represents one of the largest single category of users of data in the GCI.

~~3.1.6~~ Downstream Users (out years) --

The GEO Secretariat will develop collaborations with industry associations in specific sectors (particularly Agriculture, Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation) to identify needs and conditions for GEO/sector collaboration.

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APPENDIX 1

1 GEO AS LEADING GLOBAL ADVOCATE FOR OPEN DATA

	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4
Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Participate in GPSDD Interim Steering Committee decision-making re: establishing Secretariat; participate on Coordination Team; co-facilitate Data Protocols and Principles Working Group; participate in Data Collaboratives and Data Architecture Working Groups; identify examples of Data Collaboratives (e.g., GEOGLAM) and work with GEO Members/POs to pursue opportunities to showcase GEO in GPSDD activities. Biweekly telephone calls.		Participate in GPSDD activities related to 71st Session of UN General Assembly (September); secure opportunities to showcase GEO expertise and experience (e.g., open data and data management principles; data collaboratives). Biweekly telephone calls.	Participate in ongoing GPSDD Steering Committee and Working Groups, contributing GEO expertise and experience, through GEO Members and POs, as appropriate. Biweekly telephone calls.
ICSU/CODATA/WDS and RDA	Work with CODATA, WDS and RDA to secure GEO as a partner in World Data Week. Communicate event through GEO News and website. Coordinate efforts of GEO community to participate in event with specific Side Event and Session on Data Sharing and the GCI.		Participate in World Data Week. Two Members of Secretariat to attend, with additional participation from broader GEO community.	Conduct post-conference analysis for planning 2017 event.
Eye on Earth Alliance	Participate in Eye on Earth Alliance partnership with AGEDI, EAD, IUCN, UNEP and WRI; finalize Governance framework and establish Secretariat; provide guidance and oversight to EoE community; serve as first Chair of Alliance through 2016. Organize and participate in quarterly Alliance Partner meetings. Travel, if any, funded by Alliance.		Chair Eye on Earth Alliance; provide guidance to EoE Secretariat; create collaborations between Eye on Earth Strategic Initiatives (SIs) and GEO Work Programme, in particular regarding open data and data management principles; organize and participate in one partner meeting per quarter. Travel, in any, funded by Alliance.	

2 GEO AS KEY MECHANISM FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONS

	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4
G7 and G20 Engagements	Secure G20 re-endorsement of GEOGLAM during G20 Ministers of Agriculture meeting, (3 June), working with GEOGLAM Advisory Committee, GEOGLAM Partners and GEO Secretariat.		Continue G20 contacts re: GEOGLAM re-endorsement through final G20 Summit (September).	
	Engage GEO/G7 Members to develop and implement strategy to secure references to GEO and GEO initiatives in G7 Science and Technology and Environment Ministers' deliberations and communiques (mid-May).		Follow up with G7 Science and Technology and Environment Ministers re: implementation of GEO-related actions	
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: UNFCCC (Framework Convention on Climate Change)		Explore potential to participate in SBSTA-44 research dialogue meeting (Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice) during COP 22; explore potential GEO involvement in COP 22 Side Events and related activities.		Participate in SBSTA 44 and COP 22 Side Events and related activities.
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: UNCCD (Convention to Combat Desertification)	Consult with UNCCD Secretariat and participate in Expert meeting Washington, DC (February), with objective of using GEO as framework to define and demonstrate monitoring of SDG Target 15.3 on Land Degradation.	Continue consultation with UNCCD Secretariat and GEO Members and POs to draft concept and, possibly, Implementation Plan of new GEO Initiative on Land Degradation. Discuss at the GEO WP Symposium (May), with possible dedicated meeting to consolidate initiative. Work with GEO Members and	Finalize the Implementation Plan of new Initiative and present to GEO PB for inclusion in 2017-2019 Work Programme. Start preparatory activities in coordination with UNCCD Secretariat. Meeting of key partners to finalize plans and to start activities.	Following GEO WP 2017-2019 Approval, confirm Member and PO contributions; begin to implement initiative.

		POs to secure contributions and work with UNCCD Secretariat to secure resources for coordination of initiative. Discuss at ExCom 37 (July).		
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Environmental Economic Accounting	Develop international conference on Environmental Economic Accounting (US lead, international partners) (April).	Hold international conference on EEA (April); assess outcomes, develop strategy and determine resources required to evolve activity into a GEO Initiative; presentation and recruitment of additional partners during Work Programme Symposium (May).	Continue implementation of EEA strategy; expand participating partners from Members, POs and other interested organizations.	
Sustainable Development Goals	Continue implementation of GEO/SDG initiative, building on momentum from GEO-XII Side Event and Plenary; mobilize and engage Members and POs, including UN-GGIM and CEOS, to develop program for UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) forum (March); develop 4-page brochure on integration of EO/GI data with national statistics (February); draft Implementation Plan; hold regular teleconferences of GI-18 team.	Capitalize on outcomes of UNSC forum to identify up to six target Member countries to begin dialogue on integration of EO-GI with national statistics; present Implementation Plan at Work Programme Symposium (May); use WPS to inform GEO community on EO-GI/SDG relationship; recruit additional Member	Begin to develop framework for EO-GI-national statistics collaborations in targeted Member countries, focusing on selected SDG Targets/Indicators.	Participate in Habitat III (United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development); organize Side Event, including public release of the Landsat Global Human Settlement baseline integrated with other available (open and free) satellite derived products and spatial baseline data in an

		and PO contributors to initiative.		initial set of SDG indicators proposal database. Begin implementation of EO-GI collaborations in target Member countries. Report to GEO-XII Plenary (Side Event; presentation).
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: AfriGEOSS	Engage Members and POs through Working Group on Land Cover for Africa through bimonthly teleconferences of Interim Executive Board and quarterly teleconferences of Technical Advisory Group. Prepare and implement AfriGEOSS Symposium (April).			
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: AmeriGEOSS	Organize AmeriGEOSS week (7-10 June, Bogotá, Colombia), including Americas Caucus meeting with Member country GEO Principals, and training for participants in priority areas of AmeriGEOSS (e.g., GEONETCast).		Continue implementation of AmeriGEOSS initiative.	
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: Asia-Oceania-GEOSS	-	Develop and execute Asia-Pacific Symposium (Q3) Follow-up on outcomes of Symposium to encourage development of national GEOs and regional GEOSS.		
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: Balkan GEO	Continue to support i-BEC's efforts to create a Regional GEO in the Balkan Area by providing AfriGEOSS material and consultation.	Support i-BEC in adding <i>in situ</i> coordination and data cube technology in Balkan Region by ensuring they join the <i>in situ</i> Foundational Task Working Group and, in partnership with CEOS, add another data cube country.	Strengthen participation of GEO Members in Balkan GEO; with i-BEC's support, reach out to non-GEO Members in Region to join Balkan GEO Side Event at GEO-XIII.	Support i-BEC and Balkan GEO Members with GEO-XIII Side Event.

Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanism: Himalayan GEO	Provide AfriGEOSS material to ICIMOD as model for Regional GEO.	Support ICIMOD in reaching GEO Principals in Himalayan Region to inform them of efforts to create a Himalayan GEO.	With ICIMOD's support, reach out to countries in Region who have not yet joined GEO. Assist with planning Side Event at GEO-XIII.	Support ICIMOD and Himalayan GEO Members with GEO-XIII Side Event.
Arctic Circle Conference	Begin preparations for Plenary session for 2016 Arctic Circle Assembly (October), showcasing GEO Cold Regions Initiative (GEOCRI) and the important role of EO in meeting Arctic challenges; collaborate with WMO and other organizations to deliver Plenary and associated Side Events. Hold preliminary discussions/recruit participants at Arctic Observing Summit 2016 (March).	Hold organizing teleconference calls to determine Plenary structure, content and intended outcomes; identify and recruit participants. Formulate and propose to Arctic Circle potential Side Event(s); if accepted organize associated breakout sessions to further explore issues raised in Plenary. Develop materials, visuals, etc., for Plenary and breakout sessions.	Finalize Plenary and approved Side Event programs and related materials; continue coordination with participants to avoid overlap and ensure intended outcomes are clearly presented in Plenary and Side Event discussions.	Present Plenary and approved Side Events at Arctic Assembly Conference (7-9 October). Follow up conference by reporting outcomes to GEO community; integrate outcomes into GEOCRI strategy, as appropriate.
National GEO Mechanisms	Begin to develop yearly report, to be issued by Members and POs, concerning benefits of developing National GEOs; report and complementary actions will focus on the importance of national/internal coordination mechanisms to ensure GEO's success, highlight current practices by several Members, and on possible means of implementation. Secretariat will coordinate development of report based on content from		Continue outreach to and engagement with Members and POs to highlight benefits of National GEOs. Identify Members and POs for the development of "prototype" Reports, to be issued before GEO-XIII Plenary. Discuss at Plenary the possibility of a yearly Report; advance discussion on other measures to ensure implementation of national/internal coordination mechanisms.	

	Members and POs. All available opportunities to sensitize Members and POs on the need to put in place effective national/internal coordination will be utilized, including Work Programme Symposium (May), ExCom 36, 37 and 38 (March, July, November) and bilateral conversations.	
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3 GCI IS PRIMARY GLOBAL RESOURCE FOR DATA, INFORMATION AND DECISION-MAKING

	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4
Belmont Forum	Participate in finalization of E-Infrastructure and Data Management (e-I&DM) Initiative Implementation Plan.		Participate in E- Infrastructure/Data Management Science Advisory Board; identify and nominate GEO community members as Champions of various Action Themes; integrate GEO open data and data management principles into implementation of Initiative; Participate in BF e-I&DM annual coordination meeting.	
GEO Members	Establish Project management process with ESA (GEO Portal) and CNR (GEO DAB) to systematically advance, coordinate and implement new functionalities, with milestones set every 3 months.		Advance and evaluate new functionalities with ESA and CNR, every 3 months.	
GEO Members	Test and operationalize brokering of China GEOSS. Begin technical discussions to broker: ISRO (Indian Space Agency); NSPO (Taiwan); UN OCHA (Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs); HOT (Humanitarian Open Street Map); ADS (Arctic Archive Data System); UNOSAT (UNITAR - UN) Move forward brokering	Conduct on-going tests and improvements with already brokered data systems: Esri ArcGIS Online; EUMETSAT; UNEP; WMO; CEOS. Begin technical discussion with EC Copernicus data service systems and resume discussion with UK Open Data. Identify new data	Identify and prioritize new data providers by SBA and by continent/region/country.	

	engagement with: FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN); Landsat - Oak Ridge Laboratories.	providers by SBA and by continental representation (e.g., NOAA - Climate prediction center - Africa Desk).		
GEO Corporate Partners: Corporate Partner Category	Implementation will be informed by deliberations of 36th Executive Committee.			
GEO Corporate Partners: Geospatial World Forum	Plan selected Side Event to leverage community attending Geospatial World Forum, as well as training Workshop on Open Data Policies.	Participate in GEO Buiz Event with keynote and panel discussions in Washington, D.C. (May)	Participate in Geospatial World Forum with key roles in talks and panels. Use this Forum to conduct interviews as described in the Corporate Partner document.	Conduct analysis of Forum results for developing Side Events and GEO role in out years.
GEO Corporate Partners: Esri User Conference	Engage with Esri & UNOSAT to participate as Co-Chair in the GIS for a Sustainable World User Conference in Geneva (May).	Identify opportunities for GEO participation in Sustainable World User Conference, including topics and appropriate presenters; participate in User Conference (May). Initiate discussions on and plan GEO Side Event at Esri User Conference in San Diego (end of June).	Initiate discussion of GEO presentation at Plenary @ 2017 Esri User Conference.	Plan GEO Plenary and Side Event participation, if agreed, at 2017 Esri User Conference.

<p>GEO Corporate Partners: Downstream Sectors (NGOs)</p>		<p>Explore potential engagement with: UN Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG); CartonG and involvement at the GeONG conference (conference for NGOS involved in using EO); Davos Disaster Risk Reduction Conference.</p>	<p>Participate in Annual UN Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG) conference (to be announced). Participate in Davos Disaster Risk Reduction Conference.</p>	<p>Participate in Biannual GeONG conference for NGOs using EO.</p>
<p>GEO Corporate Partners: Downstream Sectors (NGOs)</p>	<p>Convene annual UN/GEO Roundtable (Mar); expand engagement with UN/NGOS/IO based in Geneva by establishing monthly meetings "GEO Meets with Users" to identify needs and collaboration opportunities with new partners: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) scheduled for 22 March.</p>	<p>Continue monthly "GEO Meets with Users" meetings to identify needs and collaboration opportunities with potential new partners: International Organization for Migration; Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining; Human Rights Watch; Medecins sans Frontieres; United Nations High Commission for Refugees.</p>	<p>Continue monthly "GEO Meets with Users"</p>	

1 GEO AS LEADING GLOBAL ADVOCATE FOR OPEN DATA

	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	2017 Q3	2017 Q4
Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Participate in ongoing GPSDD Steering Committee and Working Groups, contributing GEO expertise and experience, through GEO Members and POs, whenever possible. Participate in GPSDD activities related to 72nd Session of UN General Assembly (September).			
ICSU/CODATA/WDS and RDA	Deepen partnership with ICSU/CODATA/WDS and RDA to encourage broad, open data sharing; build on outcomes of 2016 Data Week and other conferences; begin planning agenda/GEO participation in 2017 World Data Week.		Participate in 2017 World Data Week.	Conduct post-conference analysis for planning 2018 event.
Eye on Earth Alliance	Continue participation in Eye on Earth Alliance with a particular focus on strengthening collaborations/synergies between and among EoE Special Initiatives and GEO SBAs/Work Programme; continue role in Alliance Partners leadership, participating in quarterly meetings and decision-making.		Develop specific collaborations between Eye on Earth SIs and GEO SBAs - beginning with data infrastructure (GCI/GNON) and open data.	
GEO Members	Continue to foster commitment of Members and POs to implement data policies consistent with GEO Data Sharing and Data Management Principles, utilizing all available opportunities.		If agreed by GEO-XIII Plenary, prepare report on GEO Member implementation of Data Sharing/Data Management Principles.	

2 GEO AS KEY MECHANISM FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONS

	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	2017 Q3	2017 Q4
G7 and G20 Engagements	Continue to engage with G20 process; build on 2016 Agriculture Ministers' action on GEOGLAM; explore potential to expand GEO references in additional Ministerial proceedings and communiques.			
	Follow up with Science and Technology Ministers to implement 2016 outcomes; continue engagement in 2017 G7 process; explore potential to include GEO references in proceedings and communiques of additional Ministers and Heads of State.		Follow up on 2017 outcomes; begin planning for 2018 cycle.	
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: UNFCCC (Framework Convention on Climate Change)		Explore potential to participate in SBSTA-45 research dialogue meeting (Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice) during COP 23; explore potential GEO involvement in COP 23 Side Events and related activities.	Participate in SBSTA 45 and COP 23 Side Events and related activities.	
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: UNCCD (Convention to Combat Desertification)	Implement development of Land Degradation Indicators, in conjunction with UNCCD, Members, POs and other partners.			
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Environmental Economic Accounting	Continue implementation of EEA strategy; expand participating partners among Members, POs and other interested organizations.			
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Convention on Biodiversity	Work with CBD and IPBES to refine Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs). Work with CEOS to refine remote sensing of EBVs and translate into specific measurement requirements.			
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Minamata Convention on Mercury	GMOS to deepen engagement with Convention following ratification (expected by Q2 2017).			

Sustainable Development Goals	Continue implementation of GEO/SDG initiative, building on momentum from 2016; further develop pilot projects; assess progress; identify additional target countries; participate in 48th Session of UN Statistical Commission (March).	Continue implementation of country-level pilot projects; expand communication with GEO Principals and broader GEO community, and organizations and communities beyond GEO.
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: AfriGEOSS	Continue implementation of AfriGEOSS agenda; deepen engagement with African Union Commission, with initial focus on implementing directive regarding African Space Policy.	
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: AmeriGEOSS	Continue implementation of AmeriGEOSS initiative, with focus on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Monitoring, Disaster Risk Reduction and Water Resources Management.	
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: Asia-Oceania GEOSS	Follow up on outcomes of 2016 Symposium and pursue development of national GEOs and regional GEOSS.	Develop and execute Asia-Pacific Symposium (Q3). Follow up on outcomes of Symposium to further development of national GEOs and regional GEOSS.
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: Balkan GEO	Continue to support i-BEC's efforts to create a Regional GEO in the Balkan Area by strengthening participation of GEO Members in Balkan GEO; assist in expanding engagement of non-GEO organizations in Balkan Region.	
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanism: Himalayan GEO	Support ICIMOD and Himalaya Members and POs (current and future) in developing Himalayan GEO.	

Arctic Circle Conference	Prepare for 2017 Arctic Circle Assembly (October); identify Plenary session and/or Side Events focused on aspects of GEO agenda relevant to Arctic Region; collaborate with WMO and other organizations to deliver Plenary and/or Side Events.	Present Plenary and approved Side Events at Arctic Assembly Conference (October).
National GEO Mechanisms	Update yearly report, to be compiled by Members and POs, concerning benefits of developing National GEOs. Continue outreach to and engagement with Members and POs to highlight benefits of National GEOs; advance discussion on other measures to ensure implementation of national/internal coordination mechanisms.	

3 GCI IS PRIMARY GLOBAL RESOURCE FOR DATA, INFORMATION AND DECISION-MAKING

	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	2017 Q3	2017 Q4
Belmont Forum	Continue participation in implementation of E-Infrastructure/Data Management Initiative through Science Advisory Board and other mechanisms that may be developed. Expand participation of GEO community members in Action Themes; integrate GEO open data and data management principles into implementation of Initiative; Participate in BF e-I&DM annual coordination meeting.			
GEO Members	Continue to refine and update GEO Portal and DAB; continue to assess progress against 3 month milestones and evaluate new functionalities with ESA/CNR every three months.			
GEO Members	Identify new data providers by SBA and by continent /region/country; prioritize incorporation into the DAB/GCI; and implement incorporation on a systematic basis.			
GEO Corporate Partners: Corporate Partner Category	Implementation will be informed by deliberations of 36th Executive Committee.			

GEO Corporate Partners: Geospatial World Forum	Plan selected Side Event to leverage community attending Geospatial World Forum, as well as training Workshop on Open Data Policies.	Participate in GEO Buiz Event with keynote and panel discussions in Washington, D.C. (May)	Participate in Geospatial World Forum with key roles in talks and panels. Use this Forum to conduct interviews as described in the Corporate Member document.	Conduct analysis of Forum results for developing Side Events and GEO role in out years.
GEO Corporate Partners: Esri User Conference	Plan Plenary and Side Event for Esri User conference (Q2); collaborate on annual Geneva user conference (Q2).			
GEO Partners: Downstream Sectors (NGOs)	Convene annual UN/GEO Roundtable (Q1); continue to expand engagement with UN/NGOS/IO community based in Geneva through monthly "GEO Meets with Users" meetings to identify needs and collaboration opportunities with new partners.	Prepare for participation in: UN Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG); CartonG and GeONG conference; Davos Disaster Risk Reduction Conference.	Participate in Annual UN Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG). Participate in Davos Disaster Risk Reduction Conference.	

1 GEO AS LEADING GLOBAL ADVOCATE FOR OPEN DATA

	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4
Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD)	Participate in ongoing GPSDD Steering Committee and Working Groups, contributing GEO expertise and experience, through GEO Members and POs, whenever possible. Participate in GPSDD activities related to 73rd Session of UN General Assembly (September).			
ICSU/CODATA/WDS and RDA	Deepen partnership with ICSU/CODATA/WDS and RDA to encourage broad, open data sharing; build on outcomes of 2017 World Data Week and other conferences; begin planning agenda/GEO participation in 2018 World Data Week.		Participate in 2018 World Data Week.	Conduct post-conference analysis for planning 2019 event.
Eye on Earth Alliance	Deepen collaboration between EoE SIs and GEO SBAs/Work Programme, expanding engagements to Water and Biodiversity, as appropriate; continue role in Alliance Partners leadership, participate in quarterly meetings and decision-making.		Begin preparations for 3rd Eye on Earth Summit.	
GEO Members	Update and expand report on GEO Member implementation of Data Sharing/Data Management Principles.			

2 GEO AS KEY MECHANISM FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONS

	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4
G7 and G20 Engagements	Continue to engage with G20 process; build on 2017 results; explore potential to expand GEO references in additional Ministerial proceedings and communiqués.			

	Engage GEO/G7 Members to develop and implement strategy to secure references to GEO and GEO initiatives in G7 Ministers' deliberations and communiques (mid-May).	Follow up with Ministers re: implementation of GEO-related actions.
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: UNFCCC (Framework Convention on Climate Change)		Explore potential to participate in SBSTA-46 research dialogue meeting (Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice) during COP 24; explore potential GEO involvement in COP 24 Side Events and related activities.
		Participate in SBSTA 46 and COP 24 Side Events and related activities.
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: UNCCD (Convention to Combat Desertification)	Implement development of Land Degradation Indicators, in conjunction with UNCCD, Members, POS and other partners.	
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Environmental Economic Accounting	Continue implementation of EEA strategy; expand participating partners among Members, POs and other interested organizations.	
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Convention on Biodiversity	Work with CBD and IPBES to refine Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs). Work with CEOS to refine remote sensing of EBVs and translate into specific measurement requirements.	
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Minamata Convention on Mercury	GMOS to deepen engagement with Convention by refining and implementing monitoring and measuring mechanisms.	
Sustainable Development Goals	Continue implementation of country-level pilot projects; expand communication with GEO Principals and broader GEO community, and organizations and communities beyond GEO. Participate in annual Un Statistics Commission meeting (March).	
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: AfriGEOSS	Continue implementation of AfriGEOSS agenda; expand engagement with African Union Commission beyond African Space Policy.	
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: AmeriGEOSS	Continue implementation of AmeriGEOSS initiative, with focus on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Monitoring, Disaster Risk Reduction and Water Resources Management.	

Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: Asia-Oceania GEOSS	Follow up on outcomes of 2017 Symposium and pursue development of national GEOs and regional GEOSS.	Develop and execute Asia-Pacific Symposium (Q3) Follow up on outcomes of Symposium to further development of national GEOs and regional GEOSS.
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: Balkan GEO	Continue to support i-BEC's efforts to create a Regional GEO in the Balkan Area by strengthening participation of GEO Members in Balkan GEO; assist in expanding engagement of non-GEO organizations in Balkan Region.	
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanism: Himalayan GEO	Support ICIMOD and Himalaya Members and POs (current and future) in developing Himalayan GEO.	
Arctic Circle Conference	Prepare for 2018 Arctic Circle Assembly; identify Plenary session and/or Side Events focused on aspects of GEO agenda relevant to Arctic Region; collaborate with WMO and other organizations to deliver Plenary and/or Side Events.	Present Plenary and approved Side Events at Arctic Assembly Conference (October).
National GEO Mechanisms	Update yearly report, to be compiled by Members and POs, concerning benefits of developing National GEOs. Continue outreach to and engagement with Members and POs to highlight benefits of National GEOs; advance discussion on other measures to ensure implementation of national/internal coordination mechanisms.	

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	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4
Belmont Forum	Continue participation in implementation of E-Infrastructure/Data Management initiative through Science Advisory Board and other mechanisms that may be developed. Expand participation of GEO community members in Action Themes; integrate GEO open data and data management principles into implementation of Initiative; Q4 Participate in BF e-I&DM annual coordination meeting.			
GEO Members	Continue to refine and update GEO Portal and DAB; continue to assess progress against 3 month milestones and evaluate new functionalities with ESA/CNR every three months.			

GEO Members	Identify new data providers by SBA and by continent /region/country; prioritize incorporation into the DAB/GCI; and implement incorporation on a systematic basis.			
GEO Corporate Partners: Corporate Partner Category	Implementation will be informed by deliberations of 36th Executive Committee.			
GEO Corporate Partners: Geospatial World Forum	Plan selected Side Event to leverage community attending Geospatial World Forum, as well as training Workshop on Open Data Policies.	Participate in GEO Buiz Event with keynote and panel discussions in Washington, D.C. (May)	Participate in Geospatial World Forum with key roles in talks and panels. Use this Forum to conduct interviews as described in the Corporate Member document.	Conduct analysis of Forum results for developing Side Events and GEO role in out years.
GEO Corporate Partners: Esri User Conference	Engage with Esri & UNOSAT to participate as Co-Chair in the GIS for Sustainable World User Conference in Geneva (May).	Identify opportunities for GEO participation in Sustainable World User Conference, including topics and appropriate presenters; participate in User Conference (May). Initiate discussions on and plan GEO Side Event at Esri User Conference in San Diego (end of June).		.

<p>GEO Partners: Downstream Sectors (NGOs)</p>	<p>Convene annual UN/GEO Roundtable (Q1); continue to expand engagement with UN/NGOS/IO community based in Geneva through monthly "GEO Meets with Users" meetings to identify needs and collaboration opportunities with new partners.</p>	<p>Prepare for participation in: UN Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG); CartonG and GeONG conference; Davos Disaster Risk Reduction Conference.</p>	<p>Participate in Annual UN Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG). Participate in Davos Disaster Risk Reduction Conference.</p>	<p>Participate in Biannual GeONG conference.</p>
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1 GEO AS LEADING GLOBAL ADVOCATE FOR OPEN DATA

	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4
ICSU/CODATA/WDS and RDA	Continue collaboration with ICSU, CODATA, WDS and RDA on Data Sharing and Data Management issues and initiatives.			
Eye on Earth Alliance	Continue development of EoE/GEO collaborations; continue serving in leadership role; participate in preparations for 3rd Eye on Earth Summit.		Prepare and participate in 3rd Eye on Earth Summit; deepen GEO/EoE collaborations; continue in leadership role.	
GEO Members	Continue to update and expand report on GEO Member implementation of Data Sharing/Data Management Principles.			

2 GEO AS KEY MECHANISM FOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONS

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G7 and G20 Engagements	Continue to engage with G20 process; build on 2018 results; explore potential to expand GEO references in additional Ministerial proceedings and communiques.			
	Continue to engage GEO/G7 Members to develop and implement strategy to secure references to GEO Ministers' deliberations and communiques.		Follow up with Ministers re: implementation of GEO-related actions.	
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: UNFCCC (Framework Convention on Climate Change)		Explore potential to participate in SBSTA-47 research dialogue meeting (Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice) during COP 25; explore potential GEO involvement in COP 25 Side Events and related activities.	Participate in SBSTA 47 and COP 25 Side Events and related activities.	
Multilateral Environmental Agreements: UNCCD (Convention to Combat Desertification)	Implement development of Land Degradation Indicators, in conjunction with UNCCD, Members, POS and other partners.			

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Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms:AfriGEOSS	Continue implementation of AfriGEOSS agenda; expand engagement with African Union Commission beyond African Space Policy.	
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms:AmeriGEOSS	Continue implementation of AmeriGEOSS initiative.	
Regional GEO Initiatives and Coordinating Mechanisms: Asia-Oceania-GEOSS	Follow up on outcomes of 2018 Symposium and pursue development of national GEOs and regional GEOSS.	Develop and execute Asia-Pacific Symposium (Q3) Follow up on outcomes of Symposium to further development of national GEOs and regional GEOSS.
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