

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**Group on Earth Observations**  
**Thirteenth Plenary Session – GEO-XIII**  
**St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 9-10 November 2016**

Wednesday, 9 November		Supporting Documents
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 1: Opening Sessions</b>	
1.1	<i>Welcome from Russian Federation</i>	
1.2	<i>Opening Remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Philemon Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa (Chair of the Session)</i></li> <li>• <i>Pengde Li, Deputy Director General National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China</i></li> <li>• <i>Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General, Research and Innovation, European Commission</i></li> <li>• <i>Kathryn Sullivan, Administrator and Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, United States of America</i></li> <li>• <i>Barbara Ryan, Director, GEO Secretariat</i></li> </ul>	
1.3	<i>Approval of Agenda</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-1.3: Draft Agenda (for decision)</i>
1.4	<i>Approval of Draft Report of GEO-XII</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-1.4: Draft Report of GEO-XII (for decision)</i>
	<i>Session 1 Information documents:</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-1-Inf-01: New Members, Participating Organizations and Observers</i>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 2: Advancing the Vision of GEO</b>	
	<i>This Session will focus on progress towards GEO Strategic objectives and Ministerial commitments. It will include an introduction and two moderated Panels on challenges and opportunities in ongoing and emerging GEO efforts in support of these objectives and commitments – from user- and policy-driven initiatives</i>	

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<i>to foundational efforts to build GEOSS.</i>		
<i>Delegations are invited to participate with questions and comments on the basis of the information about these initiatives and efforts available in the listed supporting documents.</i>		
2.1	<i>Introduction to Session</i>	
<b>10:30 – 11:00 Coffee</b>		
<b>11:00 – 12:30 Session 2: cont'd Advancing the Vision of GEO</b>		
2.2	<i>Panel 1: User and policy-driven initiatives</i>	
<i>This Panel will include representatives from GEO Initiatives and Flagships covering the full spectrum of actors from policy and decision makers to those involved in advisory and implementation roles. Each panelist will address challenges and opportunities in the development and implementation of the activity.</i>		
<b>12:30 – 14:00 Lunch</b>		
<b>14:00 – 15:30 Session 2 cont'd: Advancing the Vision of GEO</b>		
2.3	<i>Panel 2: GEOSS Implementation</i>	
<i>This Panel will include representatives of the Teams currently involved in the foundational components of GEOSS, including coordination of Earth observations; data sharing; and development of tools to improve delivery and use of Earth observation data and information.</i>		
<i>Each panelist will address challenges and opportunities in the development and implementation of the activity.</i>		
2.4	<i>Demonstration of GEOSS Portal</i>	
<i>Session 2 Information Documents</i>		<i>GEO-XIII-2-Inf-01: 2016 Work Programme Progress Report (for information)</i> <i>GEO-XIII-2-Inf-02: Flagships and Initiatives (for information)</i> <i>GEO-XIII-2-Inf-03: GEOSS Components (for information)</i>

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<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Session 3 Commercial Sector Session</b>	
	<i>Introduction</i>	
	<i>Panel: Commercial Sector Engagement</i>	
	<i>This Panel will include representatives from the Commercial Sector, including data providers, providers of value-added services and downstream-user sectors. The Panel will discuss challenges and opportunities related to the Commercial Sector engagement in GEO, from contributing or benefiting from existing GEO efforts to exploring opportunities for new collaborations.</i>	
<b>17:30 – 18:30</b>	<i>Caucus Meetings</i>	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Reception</b>	

<b>Thursday, 10 November</b>		<b>Supporting Documents</b>
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 4: Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement</b>	
4.1	<i>Engagement Strategy</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-4.1: GEO Engagement Strategy (for decision)</i>
4.2	<i>Engagement Priorities 2017-2019</i>	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	
<b>11.00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Session 5: GEO Work Programme</b>	
5.1	<i>Report of the Programme Board 2016</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-5.1: Report of the Programme Board 2016 (for information) Document available 5 October</i>
5.2	<i>Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals</i>	
5.3	<i>2017-2019 Work Programme</i>	<i>GEO-XIII-5.3: 2017-2019 Work Programme (for decision)</i>