



GEO 2009-2011 Work Plan: Committees





Role of Committees

“provide high-level review, advice, recommendations, and support in the ongoing development and implementation of the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan”



Committees...

- **Help identify Leads and contributors for all Work Plan Tasks**
- **Provide expertise, ideas, contacts, recommendations and practical support to the Task teams**
- **Interact with Task teams to provide guidance and coordination of OATs**
 - encourage interaction between subtasks
 - ensure OATs move forward coherently
 - promote synergies
 - retain focus of GEOSS implementation
- **Review Task Sheets and progress reports**
- **Recommend corrective actions when needed**



Committees...

- **Contribute to the GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI)**
 - **STC ensures GCI reflects best scientific knowledge and technology available**
 - **explore ways and means for sustaining the operations of GEOSS, the Common Infrastructure and various components**
- **Support implementation of Data Sharing Principles**
 - **build consensus adopting the Principles at the GEO-VII Plenary and Ministerial Summit in 2010**



Role of STC

- ***The Science and Technology Committee*** engages “the scientific and technological communities in the development, implementation and use of a sustained GEOSS in order to ensure that GEO has access to sound scientific and technological advice”
- **Develop GEOSS Science and Technology Roadmap**
 - describes major scientific and technological gaps that need to be addressed
- **Interact with the GEO Communities of Practice and other expert fora**



Role of STC

- **Catalyzing R&D Funding for GEOSS**
 - integrate science and technology needs of GEOSS into national/regional/international R&D programs
 - develop proposals and guidelines to assist R&D agencies to respond to GEO's needs
 - dialogue with key decision-makers and funding entities
 - identify programs relevant to GEO's scientific and technological priorities
- **Engaging the Research Community in GEO**
 - organize GEO presence at major symposia and meetings
 - contact universities and laboratories to involve them in GEOSS activities
 - encourage relevant scientists/technical experts to contribute to GEOSS
 - Document: "The Role of Science and Technology in GEOSS"



Coordination and Planning

- **STC meets twice yearly**
 - Collocated with other Committees as feasible
 - Third meeting during Plenary as needed
- **Committee Co-Chair Coordination (C4)**
 - Co-Chairs of the various Committees share information and ideas on a regular basis
- **Work of Committees synchronized by the master schedule adopted at GEO Plenary**