

GEO Schedule for 2009

This document presents the schedule of:

1 OFFICIAL GEO MEETINGS

Official GEO Meetings (Table 1) include Plenary, Executive Committee, Committees and Committee Co-Chairs Coordination (C4). Following the recommendation of the Executive Committee, this schedule proposes two meetings of the Committees, C4 and Executive Committee providing sufficient time for review and contribution.

2 2009 RECONCILIATION PROCESS

The 2009 Reconciliation Process (Table 2) includes a meeting in March 2009 to ensure that the three processes – Targets update, GEOSS Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework definition, and 2009-2011 Work Plan update – take full account of one another.

- *Targets Update:* In early 2009, the Target Task Team (T3) will consolidate the draft Targets update incorporating comments from GEO-V. Later in spring and summer, the T3 will finalize this draft building upon successive interactions with the M&E Working Group, Committees, C4 and Executive Committee. A final document will be presented to GEO-VI in November 2009.
- *GEOSS Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Framework:* In early 2009, the M&E Working Group will initiate the design of an “M&E Framework” and “Plan for First Evaluation” (pending GEO-V approval). This process will then be further developed throughout the year building upon successive interactions with the T3, Committees, C4 and Executive Committee. A report summarizing progress on the implementation of the M&E Framework will be presented to GEO-VI in November 2009.
- *2009-2011 Work Plan Update:* In March 2009, the reconciliation meeting bringing together the T3, M&E Framework Working Group and C4 will initiate the 2009 Work Plan update process. The latter will ensure that the 2009 update of the 2009-2011 Work Plan is fully aligned with the outcomes of the GEOSS Targets update and M&E Framework definition – fostering interactions between relevant parties as appropriate. In addition a consultation of the GEO community (including Task Leads and Committees) will be organized. This will support the preparation of an updated Work Plan, to be submitted to GEO-VI for “acceptance as a living document”.

3 GEO REPORTING ON GEOSS IMPLEMENTATION

GEO Reporting on GEOSS Implementation (Table 3) includes Task Sheet updates and milestones of the GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI) and Data Sharing Principles implementation.

- *GCI*: Until April 2009, the Initial Operating Capability Task Force (IOCTF) will evaluate the various GCI components and develop recommendations for GCI long-term operations – summarizing outcomes in two draft documents to be reviewed by the Executive Committee in May 2009. The IOCTF will then define the GCI final implementation framework for further discussion and review by Committees and the Executive Committee in late 2009. This will open a phase of negotiations on GCI operation, leading to a proposal for its “full operation” to be submitted to GEO-VI in November 2009.
- *Data Sharing Principles Implementation*: Throughout 2009, the Task Team will lead successive revisions of the draft document “Implementation Guidelines for the GEOSS Data Sharing Principles”. These revisions will be supplemented by consensus-building activities and also by an assessment of the potential impact of the Guidelines on Members’ and Participating Organization’s current data policies. Draft Guidelines will be presented to GEO-VI for discussion along with a series of relevant reports by GEO Members and Participating Organizations.

It should be noted that the information presented in Tables 2 and 3 is based on GEO-V Documents 5, 6, 9, 11, and 12.

Table 1

Official GEO Meetings 2009

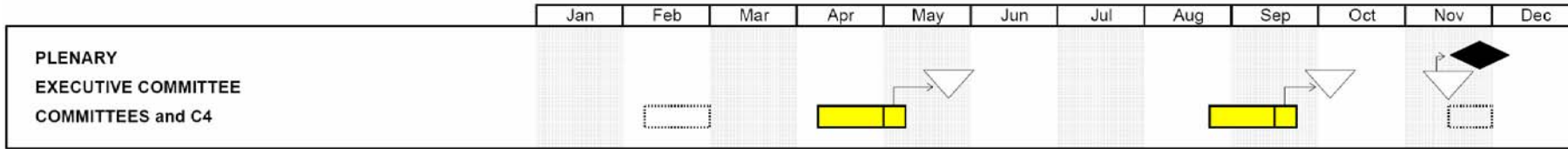


Table 2

2009 Reconciliation Process

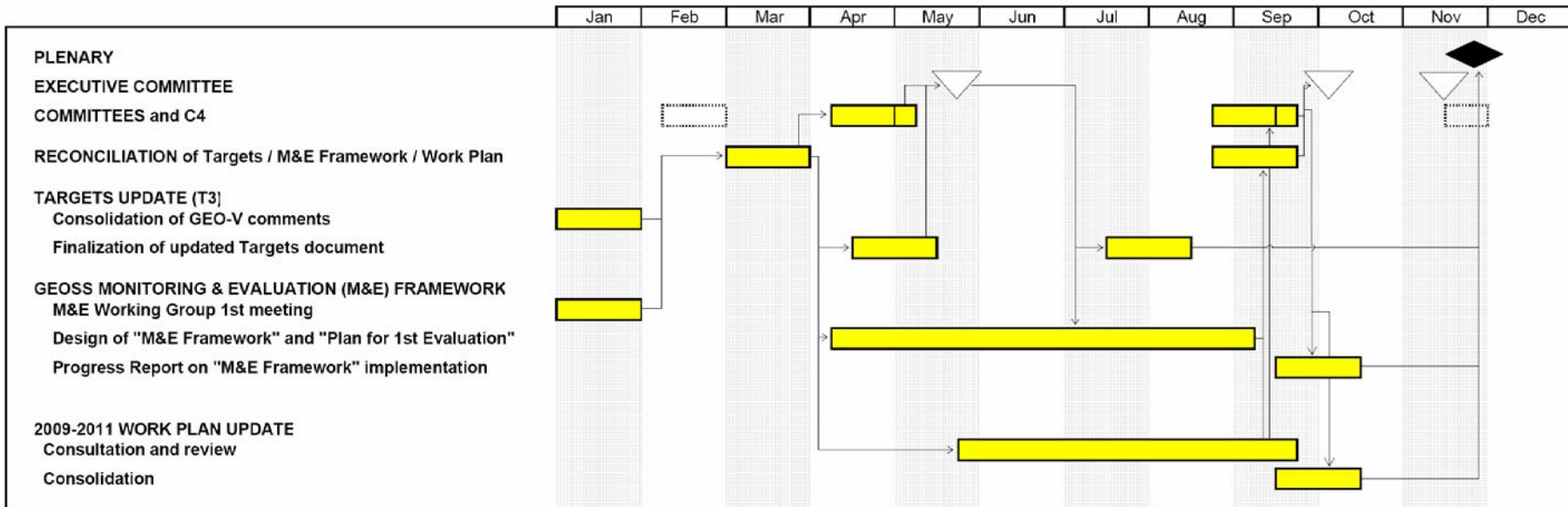


Table 3

GEO Reporting on GEOSS Implementation

