

11th STC Meeting
15-16 September 2009
Australian Bureau of Meteorology
700 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC

Draft Outcomes and Action Items

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action	Who	When
1	STC view on “Letter of Acknowledgement” is the Executive Committee should instruct the Secretariat to send letter as suggested in GEO 2009-2011 Work Plan Annex.	<i>STC11-01</i> Co-chairs to reinforce message with C4 in Melbourne.	GO, JH, SM, VM	18 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>
	10 th STC meeting record accepted.	<i>STC11-02</i> Point 7 to be modified to specify telecon addressed only activity 1a of STC Roadmap.	SEC	25 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>
2	Still seeking clarification on level of interaction between GEO and the scientific unions.	<i>STC11-03</i> I. Dowman requested to pursue and report to STC at Washington meeting.	SM	14 Nov 09
	UIC-STC Co-chairs need follow-up meeting regarding Stresa interaction.	<i>STC11-04</i> UIC-STC Co-chairs to meet 17 September.	Co-chairs	17 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>
3	Difference between ST-09-01 Output 3 and Roadmap WP Review (Activity 1a) clarified: former focuses on S&T gaps within WP description of GEOSS, whereas latter takes strategic view about S&T enhancements of the Work Plan and its Tasks aiming at making GEO attractive to science community. Scope for Roadmap extends beyond current WP and will make recommendations for future WPs, whereas as ST-09-01 output will focus on gaps with respect to delivering each WP.			

	STC-09-01 Task Team to monitor response of Executive Committee to <i>Document 18: Engaging the Private Sector in GEO and GEOSS</i> . However, task should proceed unless Executive Committee takes different view.	STC11-05 Task Team to provide brief report to STC at November meeting.	KF	14 Nov 09
	STC recommends word change from “funding” to “resources” in title and text of ST-09-01 (work plan and task sheet).	STC11-06 Implement change prior to release of WP for Plenary.	SEC	30 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>
4	ST-09-02 Task Team to monitor response of Executive Committee to <i>Document 16: Role of Participating Organizations and Observers. Task Team should not wait for this response to start engaging major scientific organizations and enterprises.</i>	STC11-07 Task Team to provide brief report to STC at November meeting.	HPP	14 Nov 09
	ST-09-02 needs clarity on process for reviewing “compelling examples” to showcase the impact of Science and Technology in GEOSS implementation.	STC11-08 STC to liaise with HPP on process timeline.	GO	31 Oct 09
	The Activity on implementing the IEEE “Save the Earth” game is moved from the ST-09-02 Task to Capacity Building Task CB-09-02e.			
5	The Scientific Work Plan Review (Activity 1a of Roadmap) will be piloted with one SBA. At the meeting, the Health SBA was suggested.	STC11-09 Liase with Pai-Yei Whung and Jan Connery to discuss this and start preparing this.	JH, FB, SMa	30 Sep 09
	STC to report to C4 importance of data source and continuity requirements. Specific questions should appear in task sheets and current STC task sheet questions need to be modified to reflect this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does Task make use of an Earth observing system? 	STC11-10 Co-chairs to convey message to C4 in Melbourne.	GO, JH, SM, VM	18 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What continuity requirements are needed to maintain Task output? 			
		STC11-11 STC to provide exact wording of modified questions to all Committees.	SM	30 Sep 09
	Systematic review of ST Tasks vis-à-vis STC Roadmap is needed to monitor alignment. Co-chairs will initiate, with a view towards sharing responsibility with broader STC for future reports.	STC11-12 STC to prepare status paper for discussion at November meeting	GO, JH	14 Nov 09
6	Keynote presentation was highly appreciated by the Committee. The Committee plans to continue this format in the future.			
7	STC approves concept of SBA Task reviews and recommends they be conducted in concert with Task Leads, Secretariat SBA Expert, and relevant STC member. Focus should be issues that STC can respond to, how STC can help.			
	First Work Plan review to focus on single SBA (Health), keeping in mind IGOS-P format and ST-09-01 activities.	STC11-13 JH to ask PYW to prepare a ~1h discussion of the Tasks under the Health SBA for the 12 th meeting of th STC including presentations of selected tasks and a discussion of selected issues.	JH, PYW	14 Nov 09
8	Three Secretariat proposals in <i>Document 21: Preparing the 2010 Ministerial Summit</i> accepted in principle with some adjustments needed: The Task Lead symposium should not happen as early as suggested and should be co-located with either a joint committee meeting or the Plenary. The proposed baseline activity should be clarified	STC11-14 Co-chairs to convey message to C4 in Melbourne.	GO, JH, SM, VM	18 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>

	<p>and expanded to include capacities for applications and decision support supported by the new datasets and services.</p> <p>The proposed “wise people group” should be clarified. What would be their charge, who would be part of this group.</p>			
	<p>STC also emphasized the importance of preparing things that the Ministers should decide and agree on to support future GEOSS implementation. (e.g. a 2010 ministerial declaration). Ministers should be requested to commit to something. The STC proposed three issues to be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth observation continuity issues. Ministers agree to support a process of coordinated response to threats of discontinuity of observing systems or services • Data sharing. • Resources to address gaps in S&T identified by STC. Ministers agree to support process of coordinated response to provide S&T resources for implementing GEOSS. 	<p>STC11-15 Co-chairs to convey message to C4 in Melbourne.</p>	<p>GO, JH, SM, VM</p>	<p>18 Sep 09 <i>closed</i></p>
9	<p>STC Membership email lists will be categorized as proposed by Secretariat (Co-chair; Co-chair for info; members; members for info).</p>	<p>STC11-16 Modify categories.</p>	<p>SEC</p>	<p>16 Oct 09</p>
	<p>Invitations to be standardized. If member is not able to attend, he/she invited to suggest agenda items. Connections to task force/working groups should be highlighted at time invitations are issued.</p>	<p>STC11-17 Draft invitations for Washington meeting.</p>	<p>VM</p>	<p>09 Oct 09</p>

	To improve attendance at STC meetings, Co-chairs to divide up email list and issue direct invitations to members. Actively contacting individuals (phone) is encouraged.	STC11-18 Proposal for division of email master list among Co-chairs, and issue invitations.	SEC+ Co-chairs	16 Oct 09
	Agenda should be issued earlier to facilitate travel plans. At minimum, identify key issues to be addressed. In the future, STC agendas should be devised to include relevant organizations. Also seek broader STC member input to encourage attendance?	STC11-19 Conduct teleconference with PYW to discuss.	SEC + Co-chairs	7 Oct 09 <i>closed</i>
	ST-09-02 task should be allowed to complete its work on identifying linkages with scientific entities. In the meantime, GEO-IGOS Symposium a good platform to encourage linkages. Suggested focus includes issues STC can address, reminder of role of GEO in science, relates to main objectives.	STC11-20 G. Glaser (ICSU) to be contacted regarding content of GEO-IGOS Symposium talk.	GO	30 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>
10	STC recommends including a user feedback mechanism on usefulness of GCI components and services (e.g. usability of data).	STC11-21 Co-chairs to convey message to C4 in Melbourne.	GO, JH, SM, VM	18 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>
		STC11-22 One page on user feedback mechanism for GCI to be developed and sent to Committees and IOC TF.	SM	25 Sep 09
	UIC GEO Portal Usability Testing - Phase II is underway. First Usability test provided very helpful feedback.	STC11-23 Secretariat to encourage all STC members to complete IOC Usability Test phase II.	SEC, STC All	23 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>
11	Data Sharing Task Force (DTSF) requests feedback on 6 questions posed in letter.	STC11-24 Initial DSTF response to be prepared.	JH	30 Sep 09 <i>closed</i>

		<i>STC11-25</i> Comments solicited from all Co-chairs to DTSF response, then submit to L. Moodie.	Co-chairs	16 Oct 09
	DH proposed the compilation of a follow-up report on the use of GEOSS in science and technology, and vice-versa. Requests discussion of this proposal be put on the Washington STC meeting agenda.	<i>STC11-26</i> Follow-up with DH for clarification (determine audience, type of media).	STC	14 Nov 09
	HPP suggested STC develop a proposal to the GEO Plenary, asking GEO to prepare a first comprehensive and thoroughly reviewed assessment report of the state of the global Earth observation system, comparable to the ARs of IPCC on the state of the scientific knowledge with respect to climate change. The first task of the STC would be to develop a high-level proposal for the process that would lead to such an assessment report. After consideration of the proposal by the GEO Plenary, the STC could take the lead in implementing the process and initiating the preparation of the assessment report. The goal would be to have the STC proposal ready for consideration by the 2010 Plenary.	<i>STC11-27</i> Co-chairs to consider placing discussion of the proposal on the agenda of the next STC meeting.	Co-chairs	7 Oct 09 <i>closed</i>
	The Executive Committee has not yet set its 2010 schedule. Therefore, a decision on date and location of 2010 STC meetings is postponed until GEO VI Plenary. Suggested dates are February (STC only) and June (co-located). Possible locations include DST (Cape Town, South Africa), Tübitak Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (Istanbul, Turkey), UNEP (Nairobi, Kenya), ITC			

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