

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**Group on Earth Observations**  
**Sixth Plenary Session – GEO-VI**  
**Washington, DC, USA 17 - 18 November 2009**

**Tuesday, 17 November 2009**

*Convene at 09:30*

**1 Opening of the session**

1.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Xxxxx, United States of America
- Sherburne Abbott, Associate Director for Environment, Office of Science and Technology Policy, United States of America (Chair of the Session)
- Xxxxx, European Commission
- Zheng Guoguang, Administrator, Chinese Meteorological Administration, People's Republic of China
- Philemon Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa
- Secretariat Director

1.2 Administrative Announcements

1.3 Adoption of Agenda (Document 1)

1.4 Recognition of New Members (Document 2)

1.5 Statements from New Members

1.6 Recognition of Participating Organizations and Observers (Document 3)

1.7 Approval of GEO-V Report (Document 4)

*10:30-11:00 Opening of the Exhibition by xxxxxx  
and Coffee Break*

**2 GEOSS Implementation Progress**

2.1 GEO National and Regional activities

*12:30 Lunch*

*Reconvene at 14:00*

- 2.2 2009-2011 Work Plan Progress (Document 5)
- 2.3 GEOSS Common Infrastructure Report and Recommendations for Long Term Operations (Document 6)
- 2.4 Data Sharing Principles Implementation (Document 7)
- 2.5 A Global Digital Elevation Model (Document 8)
- 2.6 GEO BON (Document 9)
- 2.7 Forest Carbon Tracking (Document 10)
- 2.8 A Global Carbon Monitoring System (Document 11)
- 2.9 Report from Committees (Document 12)

*15:30-16:00 Coffee Break*

- 3 GEOSS Strategic Targets (Document 13)**
- 4 GEOSS Monitoring & Evaluation (Document 14)**
- 5 2009-2011 Work Plan Annual Update (Document 15)**

*18:30 Adjourn and official Reception*

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- 6 Presentation of the GEO-IGOS Symposium (Document 16)**
- 7 Report by the Executive Committee (Document 17)**
- 8 Executive Committee Membership (Document 18)**
- 9 Role of Participating Organizations and Observers (Document 19)**
- 10 Preparatory activities for the Ministerial Summit 2010 (Document 20)**

*10:30-11:00 Coffee Break*

### **11 Financial reports**

- 11.1 2008 Financial Statement (Document 21)
- 11.2 Report of the External Auditor (Document 22)
- 11.3 Report on Income and Expenditure (January to September 2009) (Document 23)
- 11.4 Secretariat Operations Budget for 2010 (Document 24)
- 11.5 Report of the Interim Finance Task Team (Document 25)

11.6 Transition to new accounting system IPSAS (Document 26)

*12:30 Lunch*

*Reconvene at 14:00*

**12 GEO Committees**

12.1 Recommendation on Committees and Working Groups

12.2 Nomination of Committees and Working Groups Co-Chairs

*15:30-16:00 Coffee break*

**13 Rules of Procedure Update (Document 27)**

**14 Announcement of GEO-VII and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Summit (Document 28)**

**15 Review of session outcomes**

**16 Concluding remarks**

*17:00 Adjourn*