

BREAK OUT SESSION #1-B

10 minute overview of each CoP in the group

- Forest, Agriculture

Consider other new CoPs and how to adopt them into the process

- Biodiversity Network, Ecosystems with health focus?

Are there suggestions for any realignment of CoPs?

- Agreed that distinction between task teams and CoPs is the latter have a broad focus on a particular SBAs and a focus on user interface/needs
- More formal way to address SBAs

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Address IGOS-P transitions

- IGOL on track for Forests, Agriculture, Ecosystems; ongoing discussions with IGOL team for AG roles, other themes?

Develop modifications and/or new ideas for the 2009-2011 work plan

- need for broadening existing tasks to address cross cutting issues

Address the user information gathering process (the US-06-01 9-step process)

- Incorporate information chain concept
- Incorporate analysis functions to define user assessment concept
- Use of CoP Wiki
- Address best practices?

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Who can be asked to join the advisory groups?

- Discussed need for developing country inputs

How can upcoming meetings be harvested as to who might attend the UIC meetings and what roles they might play (advisory? analyst?)

- internal-ensure that GEO developing country/caucus members are invited to UIC meeting at next Plenary

Also consider 3 tiers of Earth observation projects:

- Projects for developing countries
- Projects needing help identifying, accessing, and applying earth observations
- Projects wanting international forum to present their applications (applications that others might emulate)

- Discussed, but no concrete proposals