

GEO WORK PLAN  
SYMPOSIUM  
2010

17-19 May 2010  
Pretoria, South Africa

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Monday 17 May**

**08:30 1. Opening Event – GEO South Africa** (Plenary Session)

*Details to be announced*

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**12:00 Lunch**

**13:00 2. Work Plan Symposium – Why, How and What For?** (Plenary Session)

**Introduction**

**Objectives/Deliverables:**

- Work Plan Implementation: GCI registration, data sharing, connection of (sub)tasks
- Beijing Ministerial Summit: Contribution to showcases, exhibitions, other?
- 2011 Work Plan Update: Possible merger of selected sub-tasks to improve coordination/reduce duplication? Improvement of Task description and/or distribution?

**13:30 3. Towards Improved Coordination WITHIN GEOSS Areas** (Parallel Sessions)

**5 Parallel Sessions**

- a. Architecture, Data Management
- b. Capacity Building, Science and Technology, User Engagement
- c. Disasters, Water, Agriculture
- d. Weather, Climate, Energy
- e. Health, Ecosystems, Biodiversity

*Within each parallel session, taking each overarching Task in turn*

**Individual (sub)task Presentations**

(5-10 min each; slide template to be provided to harmonize input)

**Follow-up Discussion to Improve Synergies**

Focus on Work Plan Implementation and 2011 Work Plan Update

**Development of Syntheses at Overarching Level**

**18:00 Adjourn**

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**13:00 Lunch**

**14:00 4. Towards Improved Coordination *ACROSS* GEOSS Areas** (Plenary Session)

**Presentations of Parallel Session Syntheses/Overarching Task Progress Reports**

- a. Architecture, Data Management
- b. Capacity Building, Science and Technology, User Engagement
- c. Disasters, Water, Agriculture

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**Wednesday 19 May**

**09:00 4. Towards Improved Coordination *ACROSS* GEOSS Areas** (Plenary Session; cont')

**Presentations of Parallel Session Syntheses/Overarching Task Progress Reports**

- d. Weather, Climate, Energy
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**Discussion to further Explore Synergies across the Whole Work Plan**

**Consolidation of Syntheses**

**13:00 Lunch**

**14:00 5. Follow-up Discussion** (Plenary Session)

**Focus on:**

Beijing Ministerial Summit  
Work Plan Implementation  
2011 Work Plan Update

**17:00 6. Wrap-up and Conclusion** (Plenary Session)

**Summary of Outcomes**

**Any Other Business**

**17:30 Adjourn**

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