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GEO Task Leads & Contributors

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Subject: Invitation – 2010 GEO Work Plan Symposium

Dear Colleague,

The Department of Science and Technology in South Africa takes pleasure in inviting you to participate in the first-ever GEO Work Plan Symposium.

Primarily set up to foster coordination across and within Overarching Tasks, the Symposium will encourage Task Leads to report on progress, exchange information, and develop synergies across the Work Plan. Additionally, for this year in particular, the Symposium will contribute to the development of showcases for the Ministerial Summit and prepare the 2011 Work Plan Update.

As can be seen from the draft Agenda (attached), the 3-day Symposium is designed around parallel and plenary sessions in order to deliver concrete actions and proposals. These will build upon the cross-fertilization of Tasks and directly contribute to GEOSS implementation on a number of fronts including data sharing and registration of data, tools and services in the GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI).

The Symposium will take place from **17 May to 19 May in Pretoria, South Africa**, prior to the co-located Committee Meetings. It will bring together the Task Leads (including Points of Contact) and contributors to the Tasks of the GEO 2009-2011 Work Plan.

South African Earth observation activities and their contributions to GEOSS will be highlighted in an exhibition during the Symposium and through a dedicated SA GEO Seminar, to take place on the morning of 17 May. We further take pleasure in inviting you to participate and engage with SA GEO in this Seminar.

The symposium will take place at the St George's Hotel (www.stgeorgehotel.co.za), where accommodation is also available. Given South Africa's hosting of the FIFA World Cup in the succeeding weeks, most hotels are expected to be fully booked. We therefore request that you kindly place your bookings before 31 March 2010 and quote "GEO Symposium" when making a booking. Note that the hotel requires a credit card number for booking.

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An alternate hotel option that is close to St George's Hotel is the Irene Country Lodge and more details can be found at www.irenecountrylodge.co.za

For transport between the Hotel and Airport, kindly contact the hotel you will be staying at to arrange for pickup or use the maxi taxis at the airport.

We would appreciate if you could indicate your intention to participate via return email to GEO Secretariat (secretariat@geosec.org) and copy Cynthia Kgethe at cynthia.kgethe@dst.gov.za)

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