

# EO4SDG Annual Meeting 2019 –

CR-D (CB Building)

UN Headquarters, New York, USA

August 5, 2019 • 10h00 – 18:h00 EST

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## Annotated Agenda

### Work Session 1 (*Closed*)

#### Session 1.0: Welcome

- Setting the stage & meeting objectives (Exec. Sec., Co-Chairs) (15 minutes)

#### Session 1.1: EO4SDG Successes, Challenges, Lessons Learned & Opportunities for the Future (1.25 hour)

- Summary of key activities, including lessons learned [success factors, challenges, potential risks, implications, and opportunities for the future] during 2018-2019 (Exec. Sec.)
- Lightning talks (5 min oral remarks/ up to 3 slides) by EO4SDG members (and members of other GEO WP activities) on accomplishments & lessons learned
- Moderated discussion

#### *Meeting Session*

This session will provide a brief summary of the Initiative's major activities and progress during 2018-2019. The discussion will focus on what the Group considers achievements and lessons learned including success factors, existing gaps and items the Group needs to do better, as well as risks and opportunities.

Example questions for attendees to consider and be prepared to discuss:

- » What did we help accomplish that wasn't expected?
- » What activities were easier than anticipated? What activities were more difficult than expected?
- » What were key factors in the progress EO4SDG made?
- » What has emerged over the past 12-18 months that we need to better account for?

#### Session 1.2: 2020-2024 EO4SDG Implementation Plan (1 hour)

- Review of updated 2020-2024 Strategic Implementation Plan, including GEO Programme Board Feedback (Exec. Sec., Co-Chairs)

- Comments & suggestions on the Plan, including its Goals and Objectives, Implementation Elements, and Governance (All)

### *Meeting Session*

This session will discuss where the Initiative stands with respect to the goals and associated objectives, as detailed in the updated Implementation Plan. The session will discuss how existing activities are aligning with the EO4SDG Goals and Objectives, and identify additional revisions and refinements for the Implementation Plan, as applicable.

Prior to the meeting, all group members should review the updated Implementation Plan and Table of Contributors, Resources, Tasks, and Deliverables. Everyone should come to the meeting with comments and suggestions in terms of revisions and refinements. We will structure the discussion time based on the comments.

Example questions for attendees to consider and be prepared to discuss:

- » How are your existing activities contributing toward the EO4SDG Goals and Objectives as outlined in the updated Strategic Implementation Plan?
- » Are any of these activities connected to other GEO Work Programme elements and if so, what is the role of these other elements? What are some gaps and opportunities for leveraging EO4SDG to address these?
- » Is the current governance structure working for the Initiative? Do we need to revise / adjust this to meet the Initiative's Goals and Objectives?

### **LUNCH BREAK** (1 hour)

### **Open Session: Earth Observation Solutions to Address the UN SDG** (1.25 hour)

- Keynote: Mr. Steven Ramage, Head of External Relations, Group on Earth Observations (20 minutes)
- Presentation: Mr. Ian Coady, Geospatial Advisor, Department for International Development, UK (20 minutes)
- Moderated Discussion

### **BREAK** (15 minutes)

### **Work Session 2** (*Closed*)

#### Session 2.1 Breakout Round A (1.5 hour)

All to self-organize in two breakout groups. Executive Secretary and Co-Leads will facilitate.

- Breakout Group A1: Good practice examples of methods for measuring and reporting on SDG indicators: *Develop guidelines for packaging openly shareable, reproducible methods tailored to NSOs/line ministries/NMAs*

- Breakout Group A2: EO4SDG Federated Approach to GEO's overall service to the SDG: *Define a process to coordinate across ongoing and new GEO Work Program elements that are working towards or have the potential to support the UN SDG*
- Discussion of outputs from each breakout group, agreement on decisions and actions (All)

### *Meeting Session*

Breakout group A1 will focus on reaching consensus on the general guidelines to package good practice examples of methods for measuring and reporting on SDG indicators tailored to NSOs/ line ministries / NMAs. These will include all relevant datasets, available tools and platforms, training material, as well as use cases and national experiences per SDG target and indicator supported by Earth observations. These comprehensive methodologies will be presented in an openly accessible way and be made available via the EO4SDG website (<http://eo4sdg.org>). These can also be linked to the GEO Knowledge Hub, and will be accompanied by capacity development efforts through functional tools and trainings.

### Actions for breakout group A1:

- » Agreement on guidelines to package good practice examples of methods for measuring and reporting on SDG indicators tailored to NSOs/ line ministries / NMAs
- » Reach agreement on deliverables for GEO Week 2019 and for 2019-2020
- » Identify people to lead this packaging for specific indicators, particularly with thematic GEO Work Programme elements and relevant GEO Member Countries

Breakout group A2 will focus on identifying and outlining recommendations for a systematic process that EO4SDG can use to coordinate across ongoing and new GEO Work Program elements that are working towards or have the potential to support the UN SDG. This will help EO4SDG, as part of its federated approach, to more efficiently work with other GEO thematic activities to identify opportunities for connecting relevant data, information products, applications, and services with respective SDG targets and indicators, and to enable the use of these products and outputs by countries and relevant stakeholders for SDG monitoring, reporting and policy making.

### Actions for breakout group A2:

- » Agreement on a process to coordinate across ongoing and new GEO Work Program elements.
- » Identify deliverables for GEO Week 2019 and for 2019-2020
- » Identify people to lead this coordination.

The outcome of this session will be a summary of outputs identified by each breakout group, followed by a discussion among all meeting participants and agreement on next steps and actions.

### Session 2.2 Breakout Round B (1.5 hour)

All to self-organize in two breakout groups. Executive Secretary and Co-Leads will facilitate.

- Breakout Group B1: Strengthening partnerships and advancing EO use in SDG monitoring, reporting, and decision making.
- Breakout Group B2: GEO Secretariat support for EO4SDG, Resources, and Prioritization of EO4SDG Deliverables

#### *Meeting Session*

Breakout Group B1 will focus on reviewing current stakeholder engagement, identifying gaps, and developing suggestions for strengthening partnerships with organizations in support of EO integration in national development plans and statistical accounts.

#### *Actions for breakout group B1*

- » Agreement on key items to pursue via existing partnerships with organizations in support of EO integration in national development plans and statistical accounts (e.g., UNGGIM and the UN WGGI, GPSDD, UN SDSN, UN Custodian Agencies, among others)
- » Consensus on potential / new country, regional and organizational partnerships to pursue and recommendations for enhancing existing partnerships
- » Reach agreement on deliverables for GEO Week 2019 and for 2019-2020 and identify people to lead these deliverables

Breakout Group B2 will develop recommendations for desired functions of a dedicated GEO Secretariat SDG Expert, review existing resources to support efforts for the SDG, including recent awards, solicitations, data resources, among others, and identify additional opportunities. The group will also initiate a list of deliverables for GEO Week 2019 and for 2019-2020, based on items addressed during the August 5 meeting including the former breakout sessions, and the updated 2020-2024 Strategic Implementation Plan.

#### *Actions for breakout group B2*

- » *Develop recommendations for key functions of a dedicated GEO Secretariat SDG Expert*
- » *Review existing resources and develop recommendations for additional funding opportunities*
- » *Initiate a list of deliverables for GEO Week 2019 and for 2019-2020 and identify EO4SDG Members to lead these activities*

The outcome of this session will be a summary of outputs identified by each breakout group, followed by a discussion among all meeting participants and consensus on EO4SDG deliverables for GEO Week 2019 and 2019-2020.

#### **Adjourn**