

Panel discussion 1 (Regional GEOSS): How do Regional GEOSS work together

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Regional cooperation for tackling Global challenges



Outreach to Regional GEOSS initiatives

Scope:

To describe the "landscape", deliver a plan of outreach activities outlining what the PB and the Regional GEOSS Initiatives (RGs) would like to see achieved, both within the GEO Work Programme (GWP) and individually with the RGs, and manage, facilitate and support the implementation of the plan.

Functions:

- Works to ensure RGs' awareness and alignment with GEO priorities, to the extent possible;
- Promotes greater coordination between activities of the GWP related to the GEO priorities and the agendas and priorities of RGs;
- Works to align the GWP to regional priorities, potentially via seeding of new activities for the WP from a regional GEOSS perspective;
- Identifies collaboration opportunities between RGs and GEO Flagships and Initiatives (incl. Community Activities, when relevant) to achieve the common target of realizing the GEO priorities, given the broader base of context and engagement that RGs may provide.

Outreach to Regional GEOSS initiatives

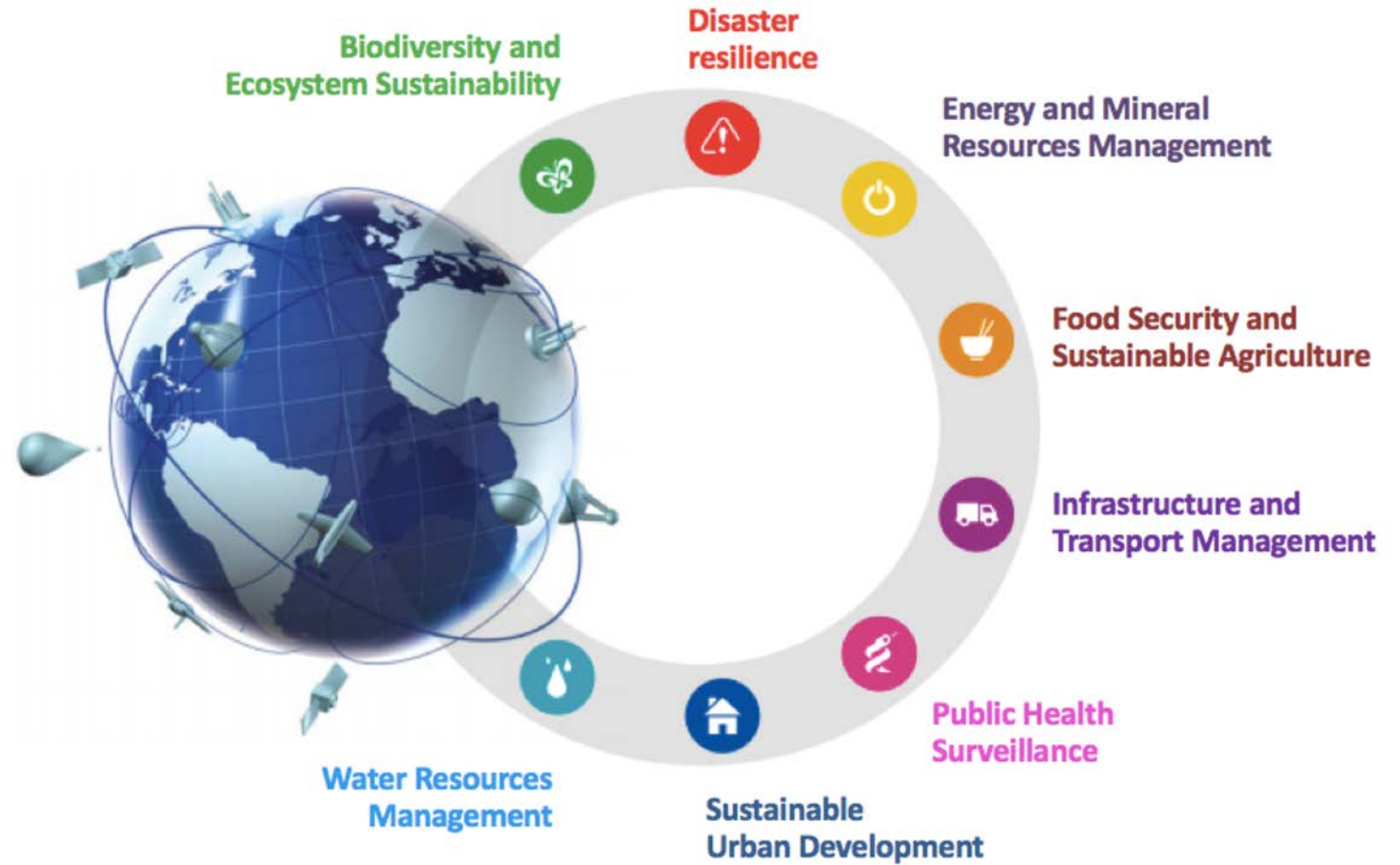
Events and Milestones

May 3 and 7:	Telecon with RGI leads for initial survey
May 15-16:	AOGEOSS Workshop
June 4-5:	3 rd South-Eastern Europe GEO Workshop
June 11-13:	GEO Symposium 2018
June 14-15:	9 th PB meeting
June 26-28:	AfriGEOSS Symposium 2018
July 18-19:	44 th Executive Committee, dialogue with RGI
August 6-10:	AmeriGEOSS Week 2018
Sept. 5-6:	10 th PB meeting
Sept. 12-14:	EuroGEOSS workshop
October 24-26:	11 th GEOSS-AP Symposium
October 29:	Asia-Ocean Day
October 30:	45 th Executive Committee
October 31 – Nov. 1:	GEO-XV Plenary

- **Key achievements of each RG at the regional level, and how it contributes to the GWP;**
- **Identification of Gaps;**
- **Discussion of contributions to SBAs;**
- **The added-value of working as an RG; and**
- **Interoperability under GEOSS.**

Mapping activities of Regional GEOSS initiatives with the 3 Priorities and SBAs

(GEO Symposium 2018, June, Geneva)



Questions for the presentations of Regional GEOSS

- (Topic 1) What are the challenges of Regional GEOSS? (Resources and engagement with policy makers / stakeholders)
- (Topic 2) What can be expected through collaboration and communication among other Regional GEOSS initiatives?
- (Topic 3) What are the opportunities by regional coordination and cooperation, and what do we expect Regional GEOSS to expand/accelerate global GEO activities?
- (Topic 4) What is the status of Regional GEOSS infrastructure, and what are the ideas to be connected with 'Global' GEOSS?

Activities of Regional GEOSS



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Q&A and discussions

Regional cooperation for tackling Global challenges

Community development - *“Community of Practice as the engine of GEOSS”*

- Identifying common challenges and interests
- Practical co-work on selected priorities area / targets
- Development of interdisciplinary science, knowledge and information
- Connection of regional initiatives and global initiatives in GWP

Capacity building

- Technical capability – Observations, Data analysis and integration, ...
- Knowledge production

Infrastructure

- Data hub, Knowledge hub
- Interoperability of systems, Curation

Engagement – Inclusive and flexible communication

- Science-Policy framework, Co-design – 3 Priorities and SBAs
- GEO Symposium and RG workshops as the platforms