

GEO Capacity Building Committee (CBC) **- Status Report February 2007 -**

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CBC General Objectives

(GEO 2007-2009 Work Plan Target 102)

- Facilitate, with developing countries and across all societal benefit areas, the establishment and maintenance of baseline sites for global in situ and remote sensing networks that cannot always be justified on national grounds alone, ...
... in cooperation with relevant global research programs and activities to ensure that synergies in observations and understanding are achieved.
- Examples include the inadequacy of GCOS, GTOS, GOOS, and Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) sites in developing countries and the need to establish a minimum set of oceanic, terrestrial and atmospheric reference stations for long-term observations of key variables.

CBC Meetings and Workshops

- March 6-7, 2006 Paris, France (1st CBC Meeting)
- May 29-31, 2006 Sao Paulo, Brazil (CB Workshop)
- Sept. 14-15, 2006 Brussels, Belgium (2nd CBC Meeting)
- Febr. 01-02, 2007 Tenerife, Spain (3rd CBC Meeting)

Principal discussions: General objectives (programmes)
Survey of existing activities
Work Plans 2006 and 2007
Task Sheets details
How to achieve the task results?

Main activity in 2006: Survey on CB activities in member countries and institutions (questionnaire) = CB-06-

01/03

CBC Tasks in Work Plan 2007-2009

4 tasks in transverse area:

- **CB-06-04: GEO-NETCast** (continued)

a real-time data dissemination system – in support of the GEO social benefit areas – by which environmental in situ, airborne, and space-based observations, products, and services are transmitted to users through satellites.

- **CB-07-P1: Capacity Building Strategy Implementation**

to define the capacity building activities for the next few years. The strategy will identify best practice examples, identify gaps (infrastructure, education and training, institutional) and make recommendations for fulfilling these.

CBC Tasks in Work Plan 2007-2009

- **CB-07-P2: Capacity Building Indicators**

Prepare Input, Output, Impact and Outcome GEO capacity building indicators. Measuring the efficacy of Earth observation capacity building programs.

- **CB-07-P3: Building National Capacity**

Building national capacity to respond to GEO. Facilitate ideas and identification of best practices in an effort to assist Earth observation communities of GEO members.

- Other tasks in the specific societal benefit areas

Thank you !