

Recent relevant developments in GEO

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Overview of GEO events

- **GEO-III, November 29-30, 2006: Accepted Work Plan 2007-2009**
- **January 15, 2007: Draft Task descriptions available**
- **February 12, 2007: Ministerial Summit Preparation Document**
- **February – April: GEO Committee meetings, finalizing task descriptions and task teams**
- **In 2007: Number of meetings 'The Users and the GEOSS Architecture'**
- **November 29-30, 2007: GEO-VI and Ministerial Summit in Capetown, South Africa**

Important for GGOS: Task AR-07-03

“Ensure the availability of accurate, consistent, homogeneous, long-term stable, global geodetic reference frames as a mandatory framework and the metrological basis for Earth observation.”

Goals:

- **User requirement coordination:** Establish a comprehensive GEOSS database of user requirements concerning georeferencing and geodetic reference frames by identifying, describing and establishing links to relevant user communities in the nine societal benefit areas and conducting appropriate surveys.
- **Georeferencing:** Ensure the availability of appropriate global geodetic reference frames for GEOSS.

Deliverables in 2007:

- **GGOS 2020 Reports**
- **GGOS 2007 Workshop**

Summit Preparations

- **Task Force 1: Declaration**

This Task Force will be responsible for preparing the Declaration to be endorsed by the Ministers.

- **Task Force 2: Achievements**

This Task Force will be responsible for preparing the Report on Progress, for selecting the Near-term Successes and for overseeing the demonstrations.

- **Task Force 3: Communication**

This Task Force will be responsible for establishing a media plan and for coordinating all media activities prior to and during the Summit.

- **Task Force 4: Logistics**

This Task Force will be responsible for the organization of Summit. It will also ensure proper attendance at the Summit.

Summit Preparations

- **Task Force 1 (Declaration) and 2 (Achievements): Open to all members**
- **All four Task Forces should be established in February and initial meetings should be planned as soon as possible.**
- **Task Force 1 may possibly meet in Geneva immediately after the Executive Committee meeting (13-14 March)**
- **Task Force 2 should deliver a first draft of the Report on Progress and a narrower list of Near-term Successes by the end of April.**

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How can IAG/GGOS contribute?