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GEO Principals and Task leads

Geneva, 15 June 2007

Dear GEO Principal and Task lead,

At its recent meeting in Geneva on 4 and 5 June, Task Force 2, which is preparing the Report on Progress (ROP) for the GEO Ministerial Summit, confirmed that the summary descriptions of early Achievements in the process of building GEOSS will form an Annex to the Report on Progress. The current list of these early Achievements is attached to this letter.

Task Force 2 and the GEO Committees Co-Chairs requested the possibility of having additional Achievements included in the Annex to the Report on Progress and therefore this letter is soliciting further inputs from your side.

You are encouraged to submit additional proposals to the GEO secretariat (Secretariat@geosec.org) by Friday 29 June 2007 by EOB.

The description of early Achievements should be strictly limited to 2 pages and follow the attached publication guidelines.

We hope that you take the opportunity to submit your GEOSS early Achievements for inclusion into the Ministerial Summit documentation.

Yours sincerely,



José Achache
Secretariat Director

cc: Committee Co-Chairs
Task Force 2 members



ANNEX 1

Guidelines for Preparation of Early Achievement Description

Document format: A4

Strict document limitation to 2 A4 pages

Type font to be used: Times New Roman

Font size: 11

The inclusion of Graphics/illustrations is encouraged. All graphics and illustrations should be submitted to the GEO Secretariat in high resolution by separate electronic mail.

Submission deadline: Friday, 29 June 2007, end of business.

The following breakdown is recommended

Title

- Title of the achievement(s)

Brief Description

- Objectives, methods, data, results, impact

Added Value

- How will GEO aid this effort, how will it impact GEO and be impacted by GEO?

Relevance to GEO

- Relevance to SBAs and Transverse Areas, Socio-economic value
- Contribution to the 10-Year Plan
- GEO Work Plan reference (SBA, Task, Target)

Participants

- List of GEO Members and Participating Organisations involved

Current Status and Next Steps

- Long-term continuity
- Gaps



ANNEX 2

Current list of Early Achievements (status 15 June 2007)

1. Available for Task Force 2 June meeting

Web Portal

Interoperable Information Systems

GEONETCast

Virtual Constellation

Global DEM

CBERS Data for Africa

Global Geodetic Reference Frame

GEO Grid

ARGO

SERVIR

Global Wildland Fire Early Warning System

Meningitis Warning System in Africa

Solar Data for Developing Countries

Beijing Olympics

TIGGE

Biodiversity Observation Network

Sentinel-Asia

Asian Water Cycle

Seamless Weather/Climate Prediction System

Standards-based, All-Hazards, All-Media Public Warning

Census of Marine Life

Evaluating African Protected Areas

ClimDevAfrica Initiative

SIGEO

North American Drought Monitor

Hydrometeorological ARray for ISV-Monsoon AUtomonitoring HARIMAU

Sand and Dust Storm monitor

Air Quality and Health

2. Additional submissions to date

IGOS-P Geohazards Theme and Community of Practice

Building a Chlorophyll Ocean Globally Integrated Network (ChlorOGIN)

Global Monitoring of Greenhouse Gases

The POSTEL Land Surface Thematic Center in France

PREV'AIR: European air quality forecasting and mapping system

European Marine Core Service