

GGOS Working Group on User Linkage and Outreach
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Goals and Objectives

The User Linkage and Outreach Working Group is working towards [a plan for] an **integration of geodesy [GGOS]** in other IAG bodies, other sciences, international and regional organizations and system such as IGOS-P, GEOSS and United Nation authorities. The WG coordinates the drafting and development of a GGOS presentation and outreach strategy. Contact with the other IAG bodies and activities is important to ensure a common and holistic mode of operation.

The WG facilitates the process (including encouraging active involvement by the user communities) of **identifying and describing the user requirements** from the different user groups within scientific/geophysical disciplines, techniques, non-scientific organizations, national authorities, industry and others.

Activities Planned and Underway

Develop a strategy for the GGOS webpages and facilitate its implementation. This will build on existing IAG webservices. The development will be done in close cooperation with WG Data and Information.

Make a survey of the different user groups (defining them and organize the different groups in logical system)

Create a database with information about usergroups: Earth system scientists and modellers; Earth system service providers; Environmental process modellers & researchers; Policy makers & Environmental managers; Public officials, advocacy groups and the Public

Collect practical examples of different use of geodesy and make them available to the public through the webpages.

Assist the Chairs in the integration of GGOS in GEOSS, IGOS-P and United Nation authorities.

Schedule of Planned Activities

The next meeting will be held at EGU in April to discuss the Activities and make a Work Plan.

The website core group (Carey Noll, Goddard, Angelyn Moore, JPL, Bente Lilja Bye, NMA) will draft a strategy (including technical aspects) for the GGOS website for the next WG meeting at EGU April 2006.

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