

DRAFT AGENDA (as of April 6, 2013)

The GEOSS Water Strategy European Workshop

Location: Barcelona

Dates: April 17, 18 2013

Purpose: To obtain feedback on the GEOSS Water Strategy Report which is currently under development and specific suggestions on how to strengthen the presentation of materials and recommendations in the report.

Agenda for the Workshop:

April 17, 2013:

08:30 – 09:00 Welcoming remarks and Introductory Talks:

Introduction to GEO:

Introduction to the GEOSS Water Strategy:

09:00 – 10:15: The overview of the GEOSS Water Strategy Report

Overview of the GEOSS Water Strategy Report: Scope and Rationale:

Discussant:

Panelists: What should be included/highlighted in the GEOSS Water Strategy Report to ensure the document meets the needs of the communities it is intended to serve?

Panelists:

Discussion

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:45: Overview of Water Cycle Measurement Systems

Overview:

Discussants:

Panelists: What new integrated data products (in the area of clouds, water vapour, precipitation, ET, discharge, groundwater, cryospheric variables) are needed in order to meet the needs of the user community?

Panelists:

Discussion

12:45 – 14:00: Lunch

14:00 – 15:15: Water Quality

Overview of the Water Quality Section:

Sediments:

Discussant:

Panelists: What capabilities and steps are needed to implement an operational integrated water quality monitoring program?

Panelists:

Discussion

15:15-15:45: Break

15:45 – 17:00: Towards Interoperability and Integration

Overview of interoperability and integration issues:

Discussant:

Panelists: What steps are needed to complete a roadmap to accelerate interoperability and integration?

Panelists:

Discussion

17:00 – 17:30: Potential Linkages/Collaborators (Short presentations):

European Commission

ESA

GMES

German Space Agency:

ITC

April 18, 2013:

08:30 – 09:45: User Needs and Capacity Building:

Overview of User Needs, User Engagement and Capacity Building:

Discussant:

Panelists: What aspects of user requirements apply to users maintaining regular water resource management services? How can we promote user engagement in the design of programs? How can we increase the synergy, data and tool sharing , training programs, within the Water Task capacity building activities?

Panelists:

Discussion

09:45 – 10:00: Break

10:00 – 11:15: Enhancing Collaboration between (Fresh) Water and other GEO SBAs:

– Water and Health Linkages.

– Oceans and GEO Water

- Water and Agricultural Monitoring
- Others?

- Discussion on how to include these considerations in the report

11:15 – 11:45: Review of Water Strategy Recommendations

11:45 – 12:15: Summary, Next Steps and Workshop Closure