



GTOS 4th Steering Committee Meeting THE WAY FORWARD

UNESCO HQ, Paris, France, 30 November-02 December 2009

Global Terrestrial Observing System
Steering Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Monday, 30 November	Room XIII	14.00 start
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14.00 – 17.00 GTOS Ventilation Meeting

John Latham

Closing with the past and opening the new strategy
(this session involves panel chairs only)

Tuesday, 01 December	Room XIII	09.00 start
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09.00 Welcome and Introduction

Walter Erdelen

09.10 Self introduction of each participant

09.15 Adoption of the Agenda and opening remarks

Riccardo Valentini

09.30 GTOS - Report from the Programme Director

John Latham

GTOS Panels

(each speaker has a 30 minutes slot: about 15 minute presentation and 15 minute discussion, questions and action items)

10.00 GOF-C-GOLD overview and activities

Michael Brady

10.30 **Coffee break** (15 min)

10.45 TOPC overview and activities

Han Dolman

11.15 C-GTOS overview and activities

Robert R. Christian

11.45 TCO overview and activities

Riccardo Valentini

12.00 Translation to the new TCO panel

Beverly Law

12.30 **Lunch**

GTOS Activities

(each speaker has a 15 minutes slot: about 10 minute presentation and 5 minute discussion, questions and action items)

14.00 GTN Hydrology

Caroline Richter

14.15 GTN Glaciers

Wilfried Haeblerli

14.30 GTN Permafrost

Huges Lantuit

14.45 Biodiversity overview

Antonio Bombelli





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The New GTOS Strategy

15.00 The New GTOS Strategy
(presentation and first discussion)

Riccardo Valentini

16.00 **Coffee break** (15 min)

Sponsors Feedback and Guidance (each speakers has a 10 minutes slot)

16.15 UNESCO
16.25 WMO
16.35 UNEP
16.45 ICSU
16.55 FAO

*Natarajan Ishwaran
Wenjing Zhang
Peter Gilruth (by telcon)
Paul Cutler
Peter Holmgren (by telcon)*

The GTOS Contribution to GEO

(each speaker has a 20 minutes slot: about 10 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion, questions and action items)

17.05 GCOS and GTOS
17.25 GOOS and GTOS
17.45 Discussion

*Carolin Richter
Aarup Thorkild
Riccardo Valentini*

18.00 **Close of first day**

Riccardo Valentini

20.00 **GTOS SC Dinner** (details during the meeting)

Wednesday, 02 December

Room XIII

08.30 start

The three Global Observing Systems

(each speaker has a 20 minutes slot: about 10 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion, questions and action items)

08.30 GTOS in the GEO Work Plan
08.50 GEO Feedback to GTOS

*Antonio Bombelli
José Achache*

Links to GTOS

(each speaker has a 20 minutes slot: about 10 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion, questions and action items)

09.10 ESA and GTOS (climate initiative, biomass project)
09.30 NASA and GTOS (LSI and CCP)
09.50 WCRP
10.10 CarboSphere

*Olivier Arino
Diane Wickland
Ghassem Asrar
Philippe Ciaï*

10.30 **Coffee break** (20 min)





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GTOS and the Conventions

(each speaker has a 20 minutes slot: about 10 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion, questions and action items)

- 10.50 GTOS in support of UNFCCC for systematic observations
- 11.10 GTOS in support of UNCCD for systematic observations
- 11.30 GTOS in support of CBD for systematic observations
- 11.50 The Way Forward for GTOS after World Climate Conference-3 (WCC-3)

*Rocio Lichte
Håkan Masrtop
Robert Höft
WenjingZhang*

12.10 **Lunch** (80 min)

13.30 - DISCUSSION

Item 1: review of the proposed Action items

Item 2: review of the GTOS strategy

Item 3: identification of potential GTOS priority products

Item 4: from the new Strategy to an Implementation Plan

Item 5: working groups for the IP development

Item 6: strategy for resources mobilization

Item 7: sponsors engagement (technical and financial) and discussion on a common sponsor strategy in support to GTOS

16.00 **Coffee break** (15 min)

16.15 GOSIC review

Howard Diamond (by telcon)

Item 8: definition of reference sites providing key indicators in all domains: a global observing system in natural parks?

Item 9: clarification of panel role and tasks (cross cutting working groups to avoid overlap)

Item 10: AOB (climate and environmental services for future of GTOS, GTOS MoUs, new TCO chair, etc.)

17.30 Review of draft Decisions and Actions, future plans and meetings, conclusion *Riccardo Valentini*

18.00 **Close of the 4th GTOS Steering Committee**

