



Panel Discussion CB Strategy Development

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Issues

- What are the unmet capacity building needs among the GEO societal benefit areas?
- What current practices are worthy of replication?
- Where are the possible areas for co-operation and synergy?



Unmet capacity building needs

- General
- Specific



Capacity Building Strategy

Some suggested requirements for the strategy:

1. Provide an overall framework for GEO CB activities and specific means for co-ordination and contributions
2. Acknowledge and embrace the CB efforts of all main global and national organisations
3. Make clear the gains for users and contributors (incl donors and decision-makers) e.g.:
 - Identification of needs and priorities (better targeting of effort)
 - Means to enhance co-ordination and synergy (and avoid unnecessary overlaps)
 - Identification of lessons learned
 - Publicity for existing and planned activities
 - Transparency
4. Take account of the specific needs of developing countries



Capacity Building Strategy

4. Address the “how to do” as well as the “what to do”
5. Include all main aspects of geo-information production, analysis, management and use
6. Address decision-making and governance processes
7. Have a clear relationship to:
 - GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan and GEO Work Plans and Tasks
 - Outputs of the other GEO committees/working groups
8. Include near term and longer term achievements
9. Include clear means for assessment and evaluation



Timetable

- June/July 2006 – Initial development by small team (5-10)
- Early Sept 2006 - 1st draft (to be discussed by CB Comm at meeting and/or e-mail exchange)
- 16 Oct 2006 - 2nd draft for submission to GEO community with other GEO-III plenary documents
- Early Feb - CB Symposium, Granada, Spain
- Reviews – annual/biennial (tied to GEO Work Plans)