GEO post-2025 Implementation Plan, Operating modes and Work Programme Activities

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GEO Post-2025 Strategy implementation

Post-2025 Strategy to be adopted at GEO Ministerial Summit in Cape Town, November 2023

Implementation Plan to be developed, December 2023 – February 2025

Implementation Plan to be launched at next GEO Ministerial Summit, April 2025
GEO Post-2025 Strategy: the refined operating model

1. Accountability and result-orientation
2. Representation and voice
3. Financial sustainability
4. Inclusivity, transparency and participation
5. Regional and national growth

GEO seeks to provide trusted, timely, integrated, and sustained Earth intelligence. To achieve this, and the goals of this strategy, GEO’s processes, procedures and structures, including the Secretariat, must be made fit for purpose to deliver Earth intelligence.
Post-2025 Strategy: the GEO Work Programme component

GEO will focus on five goals to respond to the global context and deliver our mission and **accelerate an integrated response to the triple planetary crisis:**

- **Co-produce transformative programmes that provide trusted Earth intelligence:** GEO will deliver a portfolio of programmes that provide the Earth intelligence needed to unlock transformational change in the way that societies interact with the planet. **These programmes will be co-produced with inputs from multiple disciplines, including social sciences, and produce tools for coherent environmental and societal policy decisions, aiming to unlock social innovation and sustainable economic growth. They will be characterized by efficiency, effectiveness, impact and additionality;**
Transitioning to the Post-2025 GEO Work Programme

- The Programme Board to steer the process until the next “GEO Week” (April 2025) of designing the Post-2025 GEO Work Programme (part of the Post-2025 Implementation Plan) which:
  - Aligns with the Post-2025 Strategy: focused on delivering transformative programmes that deliver value against major policy priorities and innovative operational services
  - Transitions from the current GWP 2023-25 through the “development of a prioritization framework for the GEO Work Programme”
  - Conceptualizes and documents the process and the principles to initiate and operate Post-2025 Incubators.
Five workstreams for the GEO Programme Board Taskforce

1. Create and scope a PB workplan with milestones, deadlines, leads and responsibilities
2. Assessment of existing GEO Work Programme against the ambitions of the Post-2025 Strategy
3. Determine focus areas for Post-2025 GEO Work Programme
4. Define function, structure, requirements and implementation mechanisms of Post-2025 GEO Work Programme
5. Develop incubators definition and process
Upcoming milestones for GEO Programme Board Taskforce

- **SEPT 23**: Design and agree upon plan and roles and respons.
- **OCT 23**: Report back on work to-date
- **NOV 23**: In-person Volunteers meeting
- **FEB 24**: PB Meeting and Volunteers retreat
- **JUNE 24**: PB Meeting
- **SEPT 24**: GEO Symposium
- **OCT 24**: PB Meeting
- **APR 25**: GEO Week - Launch Post-2025 Implementation Plan
Discussion

• What does a “transformative GEO Work Programme” look like to you?
• What are the pathways/catalysts to a transformative GEO Work Programme?
• What are the key thematic areas that GEO should focus its efforts towards?
• What are the key elements to emphasize in designing an effective Post-2025 incubator?