CEOS Agency Coordination in engaging with the International Financing Institutions (IFIs)

*Working Session at SIT Technical Workshop*

*11 September 2017, 14:00 – 18:00, Magellan Room ESA/ESRIN*

During its 2016-2017 term as CEOS SIT Chair, ESA chose as one of its main themes to work to, “…*maintain and improve effectiveness of our* ***strategic partnerships, including*** *with UN agencies, Development Banks, international programmes and agencies; …”*.

As an outcome of discussion at the 2016 SIT Technical Workshop, a brief review of CEOS activities linked to development banks was initiated, and this was presented at SIT-32.

Based on the results of this review, it was agreed there may be an opportunity for CEOS to deliver further efficiencies to International Financing Institutions (IFIs) by making the case for systematic integration of satellite EO into the planning and execution of IFI projects globally.

In order to more fully explore this opportunity, it was agreed to hold a dedicated half-day session at the 2017 SIT Technical Workshop. The objectives of this session include:

1. **Understand the opportunities & benefits from the perspective of the IFIs**, **CEOS and CEOS Agencies, and Information service providers** *(see draft White paper)*
2. **Re-cap the current activities and experiences of CEOS Agencies** *(presented at SIT 32)*
3. **Consider the approach and process by which the activity could be taken forward** *(see draft White paper)*
4. **Review the draft White paper prepared by the SIT Chair Team and other contributors**.
5. **Review the recommendations for CEOS Plenary.** Consider which recommendations should be advanced to CEOS Plenary, what the intended outcome would be, and what the first and next steps following a Plenary decision might be.

The following agenda is proposed to try and address these objectives.

**Monday 11th September 2017, 14:00 – 18:00**

14:00 – Introduction (S. Briggs)

14:10 – 15:00 – Overview of the Opportunity (S. Coulson)

* Space Agency perspective [10 min]
* IFI perspective [10 min]
* How best to engage IFIs and existing activities [10 min]
* Discussion [20 min]

15:00 – 16:00 – Brief Re-cap of Current Activities, Agency Perspectives and Activities (S. Coulson lead discussion)

*This was presented at SIT 32 in April 2017. The intention here is to share any further updates in Agency activities and experiences. If necessary, this could involve slides, but a brief verbal intervention could also serve the purpose. Maximum of five minutes per intervention.*

* ESA – ODA : World Bank, ADB, IFAD (+ IADB, EIB, EBRD)
* NASA – SERVIR
* JAXA – ADB
* UKSA – IPP
* NL Dutch Space Office G4AW program
* DG-DEVCO (EUROPAID) activities (eg. GMES for Africa)
* Various (ad-hoc) uses of EO in some projects of EU National ODA agency activities
* CEOS : GFOI & Recovery Observatory

GEO Secretariat plans for Plenary 2017 (S. Ramage)

16:00 – 16:15 – Break

16:15 – 16:45 – Potential CEOS Approach (S. Briggs)

* Cooperation within GEO (GEO Plenary panel)
* Building and confirming consensus amongst interested Agencies
* Level at which to engage IFI community
* Discussion

16:45 – 18:00 – Discussion of Conclusions and Recommendations

* Confirmation of the understanding of the opportunity
* Optimal approach to engage IFIs
* Potential collective CEOS activities: capacity building, development of methodologies, establishment of consistent techniques, policy linkages (e.g. environmental safeguards and climate resilience strategies)
* CEOS Plenary recommendations and approach

18:00 – Latest adjourn time (earlier if all topics covered)

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