

GOFC-GOLD Executive Committee Teleconference – 27 June 2008

Participants: Tony Janetos, Michael Brady, Curtis Woodcock, Chris Justice, Ivan Csiszar, Chris Schmullius, Olga Krankina, Reuben Sessa, Kathleen Landauer, Erin Naydenov

Highlights and Action Items

- GOFC-GOLD engaged in new GEO task on monitoring forests for carbon tracking
- New GOFC-GOLD report on use of remote sensing in LULUCF sector

Details

1. Remarks from the Chair

- 2008 Schedule, agendas for key events: Michael Brady reviewed the updated activity schedule for 2008 and noted that the fall period will be extremely busy for GOFC-GOLD with numerous events planned. Additional fall events should be planned with care including the newly scheduled GEO Forest Symposium

2. GTOS/G3OS/GEO matters

- GTOS update and requests for GOFC inputs: Reuben Sessa reported that a GTOS representative will attend the upcoming NERIN workshop to provide instruction on the LCCS. The GTOS sponsors held a side meeting at the recent IGOS-P meeting and expressed support for new draft strategy. The Chair is now reviewing the draft GTOS Strategy document. A meeting date yet to be set for next GTOS steering meeting. The GTOS sponsored CarboAfrica meeting is now scheduled for the last week of November.
- GEO tasks: Michael Brady reported that the GEO Secretariat plans to proceed with the previously discussed GEO Forest Symposium in November at Brazil. He explained that the agenda has been revised to address previous guidance from GOFC-GOLD. Concern was expressed about the short preparation time remaining. It was agreed that contributions to the Symposium would focus on relevant work plan tasks, rather than the overall symposium organization, which is the purview of the GEO Secretariat. **Action:** Michael Brady to send note to GEO Secretariat regarding role in symposium.

3. Fire IT Update and Issues for Discussion

- Activities and plans: Chris Justice briefly reviewed the planning status of several upcoming Fire IT workshops and meetings (see attached activity schedule). He also described a proposal submitted recently to NASA for funds to help support a planned Fire IT Project Office at UMD. Ivan Csiszar reported that work is progressing on refining the draft: description of the fire Essential Climate Variable for GTOS and 2) fire section in the REDD Sourcebook.

4. Land Cover IT Update

- Chris Justice reported on a recent discussion with NASA related to the GEO 2010 constellation issue, which should result in improved coordination between the land Surface Imaging task and the land cover task. Jeff Masek will be issuing a letter shortly related to the coordination.
- Martin Herold attended the second Tokyo meeting on REDD and GEO Forest Carbon Tracking issues. He reported that the REDD working group has made successful contact with the IPCC and in discussion on how to use the Sourcebook to enhance IPCC guidelines with use of remote sensing. REDD working group submitted new report in GOFC-GOLD report series on use of remote sensing in LULUCF sector.

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5. Regional Networks

- Activities and plans: Olga Krankina reported on the recent RN teleconference (Minutes attached). The NASA/START data initiative letter proposal was sent to USGS and SDSU. **Action:** Tony Janetos is to follow up with Barbara Ryan for response. SAFNet has requested additional support for their upcoming annual meeting. It was agreed to consider this request as the meeting includes a training session and field excursion for Cal/Val purposes. **Action:** Project Office to identify availability of funds. It was also agreed to reposition the RN portion of the upcoming Jena Symposium to take place earlier in the week to highlight its status in GOFC-GOLD. **Action:** Martin Herold to review and adjust agenda. The upcoming Amazon Basin network meeting was discussed and it was agreed that GOFC-GOLD should support and attend meeting. **Action:** Olga Krankina and Michael Brady to plan to attend.

6. Any other business

- The next ExComm telcon is planned for late July 2008.

7. List of Documents Circulated

1. June update for event schedule 2008
2. Minutes of Land Cover RN telcon, June 2008

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