

GOFC-GOLD Executive Committee Teleconference – 26 February 2010

Participants: Michael Brady, Tony Janetos, Curtis Woodcock, Garik Gutman, Chris Justice, Ivan Csiszar, Olga Krankina, Kathleen Landauer, Garik Gutman, Erin Naydenov

Highlights and Action Items

- ExComm member joining GEO global forest monitoring working group
- GOFC-GOLD developing strategy on how to interact with GEO activities
- Fire IT redesigning Fire programme
- Land Cover IT Co-Lead rotation complete
- NASA-LCLUC ST, NEESPI meeting and NERIN workshop planning underway

Details

1. Remarks from the Chair

- Space agency letter: The letter has been drafted and will be sent to ESA, USGS and NASA separately with a CC to the other two agencies. The requested NASA/CEOS LPV and Fire ECV endorsement letter has been drafted and will be circulated to the ExComm. The letters endorse the thematic topics rather than a particular project.
- GEO global monitoring: A GEO global forest monitoring meeting was held in Los Angeles. **Action:** Tony Janetos will continue efforts to contact Jim Baker about this activity. Neither NASA nor GOFC-GOLD were invited to participate in the meeting. GOFC-GOLD seems to have been marginalized and should be consulted in the process. The meeting resulted in the creation of two planning groups. The first is to work on the Implementation Plan and the second is an Editorial subgroup for the documentation, in which Martin Herold has been invited to join. The role of GOFC-GOLD in the Forest Carbon Tracking (FCT) task and global monitoring efforts should be determined. **Action:** Project Office to arrange a telcon to develop a strategy on how to interact with these GEO activities, with Martin Herold, Mike Wulder, and Curtis Woodcock. The FCT task has regular teleconferences, in which Michael Brady and Martin Herold participate. **Action:** Garik Gutman will look into why NASA was not involved in the meeting. **Action:** Michael Brady to phone Giovanni Rum (PoC for FCT) to explain the concerns from GOFC-GOLD and NASA. **Action:** Curtis Woodcock to contact Bryant Cramer on the global forest monitoring process.
- Status of sponsor support renewals (CSA, ESA, NASA): The CFS work plan for 2010/11 CSA support is being developed. The scope of work related to ESA support for the Land Cover Project Office is being developed. The Fire IT has submitted a proposal to NASA for a Fire IT Project Office. NASA is considering a six month start up period followed by a three year agreement with annual renewals. The START proposal to NASA is being developed and will be submitted in March. The current NASA grant to START will be extended as funds are remaining.

2. GTOS/G3OS/GEO matters

- GEO tasks: The FCT task information is available on the task website: <http://www.geo-fct.org/home/task-organisation>. There will be a FCT task workshop at Woods Hole Research Centre, in which Curtis Woodcock will participate. The UNREDD-GEO FCT Workshop (3rd GEO Forest Symposium) will be held in June at Guadalajara, Mexico to discuss coordination between the UNREDD programme and the task.

- GTOS update and requests for GOFC inputs: The Fire IT would like a presentation on ECV's for the Fire IT workshop in March. The presentation should include information on the process on ECV's development, how (and by whom) they are evaluated and endorsed.

Action: Michael Brady will contact Han Dolman to request a power point on ECV's. **Action:** Project Office to distribute the finalized minutes of the GTOS SC meeting to the ExComm.

3. Fire IT Update

- Activities and plans: The Fire IT workshop agenda has been distributed. There will be more than 35 participants at the workshop as well as several ESA observers. The Fire programme will be redesigned at the workshop. The workshop will have representation from the direct readout community. The link between the GOFC-GOLD networks and the UN Wildfire Networks will be discussed at the workshop. Several regional network representatives will participate (WARN, SAFNet, RedLaTIF, CARIN, SEARRIN). The workshop will lead to a review paper, which will lay out the direction for the discipline area related to GOFC-GOLD. At the Fire IT Project Office, Krishna Vadrevu will replace Ivan Csiszar as the Fire IT Executive Officer, and Luigi Boschetti will work on the UN Fire-REDD and is the PoC for the LPV Fire. The Fire IT website will be redesigned and updated.

4. Land Cover IT Update

- Activities and plan: The REDD Sourcebook meeting will be held at New York in July. The Land Cover IT workshop is being planned for fall 2010 at Wageningen, Netherlands. **Action:** Michael Brady to contact Pandey and Murthy about the planned South Asia regional network meeting. Martin Herold has taken over from Chris Schmuilius as Co-Lead of the Land Cover IT. Chris Schmuilius will remain a member of the team and will focus on Co-Leading the Biomass working group.

5. Regional Networks

- Report on activities: The OSFAC meeting was successful. The meeting had a focus on REDD, where there was a lot of enthusiasm for what GOFC-GOLD is doing. The data initiative and plans for data distribution and training in the region were presented at the meeting Michael Brady will lead the development of the meeting report. The planning for the NASA-LCLUC ST, NEESPI meeting and NERIN workshop to be held in August at Estonia is moving ahead.
- Update on Data Initiative: The next session of the data initiative is being planned for participants from Asia. The session will be hosted at EDC in May, with visits to OSU and SDSU. The follow up activities from the Africa Pilot are moving ahead successfully. There is a link between the data initiative and the FCT tasks national demonstrator countries.

6. Any other business

- The next ExComm telcon is planned for 26 March 2010.

7. List of Documents Circulated

- February update for event schedule 2010
- Minutes of January 2010 teleconference
- Calendar of monthly teleconference dates for 2010
- February meeting report of GEO global forest monitoring facility

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