

## **GOFC-GOLD Executive Committee Teleconference – 19 January 2011**

Participants: Tony Janetos, Michael Brady, Martin Herold, Johann Goldammer, Chris Justice, Kathleen Landauer, Garik Gutman, Olga Krankina, Olivier Arino, Frank Martin Seifert, Krishna Vadrevu

### **Highlights**

- NASA continue its support for GOFC-GOLD Regional Networks
- Fire Implementation Team to hold annual meeting at EARSel conference in October
- GOFC-GOLD regional networks to participate in upcoming Wildland Fire Conference
- ESA to issue tender for GOFC-GOLD Land Cover project office
- GOFC-GOLD advises on new global land cover project in China

### **Details**

#### **1. Regional Networks (RN)**

- Olga Krankina is initiating a reorganization of NERIN with a view to forming a number of smaller more focused networks. Regarding networks in Latin America, she has sent an information note to request expressions of interest to participate in the third GOFC-GOLD Data Initiative (DI) at USGS EDC. The REDLATIF network has expressed interest to strengthen links with the Amazon Basin regional activities led by Carlos Souza. The DI could provide an opportunity to build linkages. **Action:** Olga Krankina to advise on initiative feasibility for 2011.
- Garik Gutman announced that funds are being processed for the new GOFC-GOLD/START project for 2011-2014. **Action:** Garik Gutman to correspond with START regarding fund transfer.
- Michael Brady reported on recent discussions with the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF) regarding their leadership role in the Asia Pacific Forest Network (APFNet) and interest in establishing links to GOFC-GOLD. This follows the APFNet-GOFC-GOLD training workshop and pilot project meeting held in January at Nanning, China (<http://www.apfnet.cn/Events.html>). As a result, a project funding proposal is being submitted to the APFNet for forest cover mapping and carbon estimation in the Greater Mekong Subregion, involving seven countries. The project may incorporate the GOFC-GOLD global validation test site network. **Action:** Michael Brady to draft a letter of interest between GOFC-GOLD and APFNet for Executive Committee review.
- Chris Justice requested that representatives from the Africa RNs participate in the upcoming GOFC-GOLD - GEO agricultural monitoring, land cover inter comparison meeting at IIASA, 13-15 June. He suggested invitees could include: D. Kwesha, C. Mbow, L. Mane. **Action:** Chris Justice to clarify if travel support is available through GEO. **Action:** Olga Krankina and Anja Hoffmann to provide 3-4 names of invitees. **Action:** Michael Brady to send invitation letters.

#### **2. Fire IT Update**

- Chris Justice reported on plans to hold the next Fire IT meeting in conjunction with the EARSel conference at Ispra, 17-21 October 2011. **Action:** Krishna Vadrevu to advise Kathleen Landauer on funding needs.

- Johann Goldammer reported that Anja Hoffmann is making good progress planning the South Africa inter-RN meeting for May 2011. He explained that in addition to their participation in side meetings, the RNs will be active during the Wildland Fire Conference. A GOFC-GOLD network statement is envisaged as part of the conference outcome. **Action:** Michael Brady to send Johann Goldammer GOFC-GOLD logos to be included in conference printed materials. Budget requirements and limitations were discussed and the Executive Committee agreed on a total budget of \$50K for the entire event. **Action:** Johann Goldammer to communicate budget decision to Anja Hoffmann. It was also agreed to include an additional event following the conference. Guido van der Werf has offered to hold a one day workshop on fuel combustion and consumption. He has also offered to provide EU funds to help cover costs. **Action:** Johann Goldammer to confirm workshop plans and support with Guido van der Werf. Recognizing the substantial efforts by Anja Hoffmann in RN fire activity support, Johann Goldammer requested that the Executive Committee consider providing her with a modest stipend. **Action:** Michael Brady will investigate whether such a stipend can be included in the new project office support project to be funded by the CFS and CSA.

### **3. Land Cover IT Update**

- Curtis Woodcock explained that a USGS strategic plan has been prepared and is being reviewed. He proposed that GOFC-GOLD provide comments and has sent a request to the implementation team. **Action:** Curtis Woodcock to draft points for a letter to USGS from GOFC-GOLD and circulate to the Executive Committee for endorsement.
- Olivier Arino reported that the LC-IT tender will be issued on 20 January and be on ESA system for six weeks. He also announced several upcoming meetings. The validation meeting for the 2009 GlobCover product will be held on 9 February. Also, a land cover meeting of the Climate Change Initiative will be held 10-11 February at Rome.
- Michael Brady reported on the results of the workshop for China's global land cover mapping project, 12-14 January 2011 at Beijing. The 50 million dollar project extends from 2011 to 2015 and involves over 20 Chinese organizations. It aims to produce 30 m resolution land cover data sets for 2000 and 2010 (and change), to be used for global modelling purposes. The project is seeking international collaboration. A GOFC-GOLD overview was presented. Workshop presentations can be obtained from Michael Brady (programme was distributed).

### **4. Working Groups**

- Land Use WG (under consideration): Chris Justice reported on plans for a meeting at IIASA supported by Steffen Fritz in June 2011 to initiate a comparison of global land cover products to identify the best available Land Cover/Use maps (with some emphasis being place on Africa). (refer to action item in RN section above)

### **5. GTOS/G3OS/GEO matters**

- GEO: Martin Herold will attend an IPCC-GEOSS workshop, 1-4 February 2011 at Geneva. The workshop will explore how global land cover products can be used for regional analysis. Herold, Brady, Woodcock and Schmullius will attend the national demonstrator summit and second science and data summit from 7-10 February 2011 at FAO, Rome. More information can be found at <http://www.fao.org/forestry/fra/68164/en/>

### **6. Any other business**

- The next ExComm telcon is planned for 16 February 2011

## **7. List of Documents Circulated**

- January update of event schedule 2010-2011
- Asia Pacific forest mapping proposal
- China global land cover mapping workshop programme

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