

GOFC-GOLD Executive Committee Teleconference – 25 January 2012

Participants: Tony Janetos, Garik Gutman, Martin Herold, Kathleen Landauer, Olga Krankina, Curtis Woodcock, Krishna Vadrevu, Erin Naydenov

Highlights

- Additional sources of funding (including in-kind) required for GOFC-GOLD funding
- ASEAN Peatland Forests and SEApeat to refine Regional Fire Prediction and Early Warning
- LC IT plans to link REDD and GFOI in future documents
- Biomass WG session at IGARSS being planned

Details

1. Regional Networks (RN)

- Erin Naydenov reported on the proposal review/budget allocation task team. The Task Team found that the overall budget allocations are manageable due to the reallocation of funds to support workshops. The task team recommended that the requests related to the SEERIN workshop and the Volga workshop be approved as requested. The Miombo workshop has been postponed in order to increase the link with the LC IT. A Miombo representative will participate in the 3rd Data Initiative session and advanced training, which should help increase links with the LC IT. Additional information was gathered about the Workshop on Baikal to determine how it is linked to GOFC, travel support for 3 US speakers was recommended for the workshop. The Executive Committee agreed to the Task Team's recommendations. Kathleen Landauer has updated the proposal request guidelines to include a section for additional sources of funding and in-kind support, which is now a condition to receive GOFC-GOLD support for meetings and workshops.
- Olga Krankina requested that the Executive Committee help determine participants for the upcoming Data Initiative session. **Action:** Executive Committee to provide comments on the draft participants list. Anja Hoffmann reported that a request for nominations was sent to OSFAC, SAFNET, WARN, and SEARRIN, who have suggested several potential candidates. **Action:** Kathleen Landauer, Hassan Virji, Olga Krankina, Curtis Woodcock, Tom Loveland and a representative of the Fire IT finalize the participants list. Once the participants list has been finalized it will be circulated to the Executive Committee.
- Kathleen Landauer provided an update on the reallocation of NASA-START funds for GOFC-GOLD. START will write a formal request for a change in scope of the grant to NASA.
- Anja Hoffmann reported that there is the potential for IFC support for SEARRIN activities. Specifically for activities that promote good forest monitoring, involving the private sector. One potential area of collaboration is related to the FRA 2015, where the FAO has asked the IFC for inputs on how the private sector could better use FRA information.

2. Fire IT Update

- The next Fire IT meeting will be planned for 2013 with NOAA, lead by Ivan Czisar. The article on the 2011 Fire IT meeting at Stresa has been drafted and will be available in March/April.
- The ASEAN Peatland Forests Project (APFP) and the SEApeat Project is conducting a Regional Technical Working group meeting to refine the Regional Fire Prediction and Early

Warning (based on the Canadian FDRS called SEAFDRS) for peatland by the end of February. Johann Goldammer and Bill de Groot will participate remotely.

3. Land Cover IT Update

- Curtis Woodcock and Martin Herold reported on the outcomes of the Boston LC IT meeting. The specifications on the LC ECV were discussed. Curtis Woodcock and Tom Loveland are working on an activity related to the ECV for CEOS. The potential Working Group on processing large amounts of moderate resolution imagery (Landsat, Sentinel) was discussed by the IT. The IT would be supportive of the development of the WG, but Martin Herold and Curtis Woodcock would not necessarily take a leadership role. The IT discussed the LC validation project, which is progressing due to USGS mapping efforts, which will increase the amount of work that can be completed. The IT plans to link REDD documents to GFOI in the future as they are currently parallel efforts. A LC IT teleconference is being planned to discuss the future of the Sourcebook. The next LC IT meeting will be held at the Sentinel 2 preparatory symposium in April 2012, where IT participation is expected to be higher than at the Boston meeting.
- The IT also discussed GEO's request for GOF-C-GOLD to take a leadership role in the GFOI. Martin Herold will attend the GFOI task force meeting in February. Curtis Woodcock will attend the GEO FCT science group meeting at Tanzania, where the guidance/best practices documents for country reporting will be discussed. **Action:** Martin Herold and Curtis Woodcock will draft a response letter to GEO, which will be specific on the potential GOF-C role, which is dependant on available GEO resources. The planned LC IT teleconference will gauge the amount of support members are able to contribute to the GFOI (ie. Devendra Pandey is willing to provide his expertise on field measurements).
- The LC IT plans to increase the level of involvement of the Regional Networks, specifically in global validation efforts. The planned LC Symposium at Wageningen in 2013 will include RN representatives. Olga Krankina suggested that LC IT members (or those recommended) help plan and participate in regional workshops and provide help with the technical background. Currently the LC IT has many competing priorities and is unable to meet all requests. The co-chairs should solicit help for the RNs from members of the IT.
- Chris Schmillius reported that the final report on New Urban Area Detection, related to the Land Cover CCI project, has been submitted. The omission error for the Globcover urban maps was improved by 14% to 95% depending on the continent. The method is based on multi-temporal wide swath data with a resolution of 75m, and 300m resolution MERIS land cover maps. The Biomass WG session at IGARSS in Munich, Germany is being planned.

4. Any other business

- The text telcon is planned for 23 February

5. List of Documents Circulated

- January 2012 update of event schedule
- Draft Participants list for the 3rd Data Initiative Session
- 3rd Data Initiative session description
- Updated funding proposal template

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