

From CEOS co-leads of the Ad-hoc team on SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

Invitation: CEOS meeting on SDGs in Washington DC, 8th and 9th March 2017

Dear CEOS and GEO colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to our first face-to-face CEOS SDG AHT meeting in Washington DC, hosted at the Embassy of Australia, on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th of March 2017.

The main objectives of this workshop are:

- Discuss and identify the **main activities/strategic directions** to be undertaken by the team
- Enhance our **collaboration with GEO** on the SDG topic
- Produce a **final draft Terms of Reference** document– ready for submission to CEOS Secretariat before the endorsement at a Plenary
- Develop a **Work Plan** to be presented for discussion at CEOS SIT-32 in April
- **Inform external partners** on CEOS work (from the Washington area including international organisations and banks) and **initiate potential partnerships**

The first day is fully dedicated to CEOS work, including how to reinforce our collaboration with GEO on this topic – the main objective is to produce a FINAL draft of the Terms of Reference, and a draft Work Plan.

The second day is dedicated to networking information sharing with external organisations and potential partners – the CEOS SDG Ad Hoc Team will inform them about CEOS and GEO, and the activities on the SDGs, and some invitees will present their organisations' views and/or projects related to SDGs. At the end of the day, the objective is to discuss and identify potential collaborations around Earth observations in support achieving the UN 2030 Agenda.

It would be much appreciated if you could confirm your availability, as soon as possible (**latest by 3rd March**).

We look forward to meeting you in Washington DC,

CEOS SDG AHT co-leads

Main contacts for RSVP:

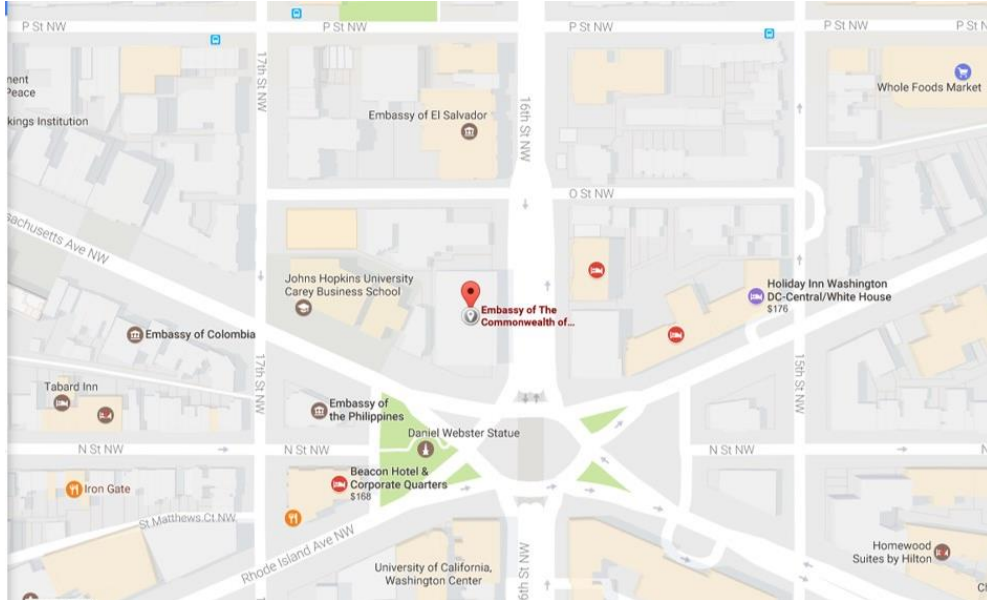
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VENUE LOCATION

Embassy of Australia: 1601 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036, USA

**PLEASE BRING AN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT TO BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER THE BUILDING
& INFORM US ABOUT ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**



NEARBY HOTELS (for more & cheaper options, please check other hotel websites)

[Kimpton Rouge Hotel](#)

[Courtyard by Marriott Washington Embassy Row](#)

[Beacon Hotel & Corporate Quarters](#)

A bit further (where some CEOS people have already booked): [The River-Inn A-Modus](#)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday 8th March 2017

08:15 - 08:30	Participants arrival – registration	
08:30 – 08:45	Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- objectives of the meeting- general remarks (attendees on day 2)	A. Held (CSIRO) & MJ. Bourassa (CSA), M. Paganini (ESA)
08:45 – 10:30	Strategic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- current activities from GEO- current activities from CEOS Agencies- agree on the strategic and main objectives of the team & deliverables- key messages to deliver on day 2	All
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break	

10:45 – 13:00	Strategic Planning (Continued) <i>(to get a FINAL draft)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discuss the draft TORs (including comments received so far) - review the ToRs (each section) - Finalisation of CEOS/GEO presentation for day 2 	All
13:00 – 14:00	Working Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify the major milestones (2017 – then until 2018-19) - discuss and produce a detailed work plan 	All
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 17:30	Wrap up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - summary of the strategic directions orienting the team activities - documents status (ToRs and Work Plan) - recapitulation of key messages for day 2 - next steps/actions 	A. Held (CSIRO) & MJ. Bourassa (CSA), M. Paganini (ESA)

Thursday 9th March 2017

08:30 - 09:00	Participants arrival – registration	
09:00 - 09:15	Opening remarks + brief current status of SDGs	A. Held (CSIRO) & MJ. Bourassa (CSA), both co-leads
09:15 – 09:30	GEO and SDGs (current status, plans) + latest information on SDGs and processes (from the UNSC meeting in NYC same week)	GEO (and others TBC)
09:30 – 09:50	CEOS and SDGs (current status, plans)	A. Held (CSIRO) & MJ. Bourassa (CSA),
09:50 – 10:10	Q & A	
10:10 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 13:00	External presentations (TBC): UNGGIM, UNCCD, World Bank, GPSDGs, etc.	TBC
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	External presentations to be continued (if necessary)	TBC
14:30 – 15:30	Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - potential collaborations with GEO/CEOS ? 	All (moderators TBC)
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 16:45	Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - suggestion of specific activity to be undertaken by GEO/CEOS - future activities 	All (moderators TBC)
16:45-17:00	Closing remarks	