

GEO Updates

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Summary

- **GEO Global Forum (May 2025)**
- **New GEO Website / GWP Webpages**
- **Global Platform for DRR (GPDRR) / EW4All Multistakeholder Forum & GEO blogs**
- **Post-2025 GEO Work Programme (GWP) Development Phase II**
- **Open House Webinars**
- **GEO Symposium**

GEO Global Forum 2025

- Ministerial Roundtable on DRR for EI / EW4AI



Global Forum: Plenary Day 1

Session 4:
Ministerial Roundtable:
Earth Intelligence for
Disaster Risk Reduction

Panel Discussion

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Senior Research Scientist,
National Research Council of Italy

H.E. Jorge Carrillo
Minister, National Disaster
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Takashi Kiyoura
Deputy Director General,
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports,
Science and Technology, Japan

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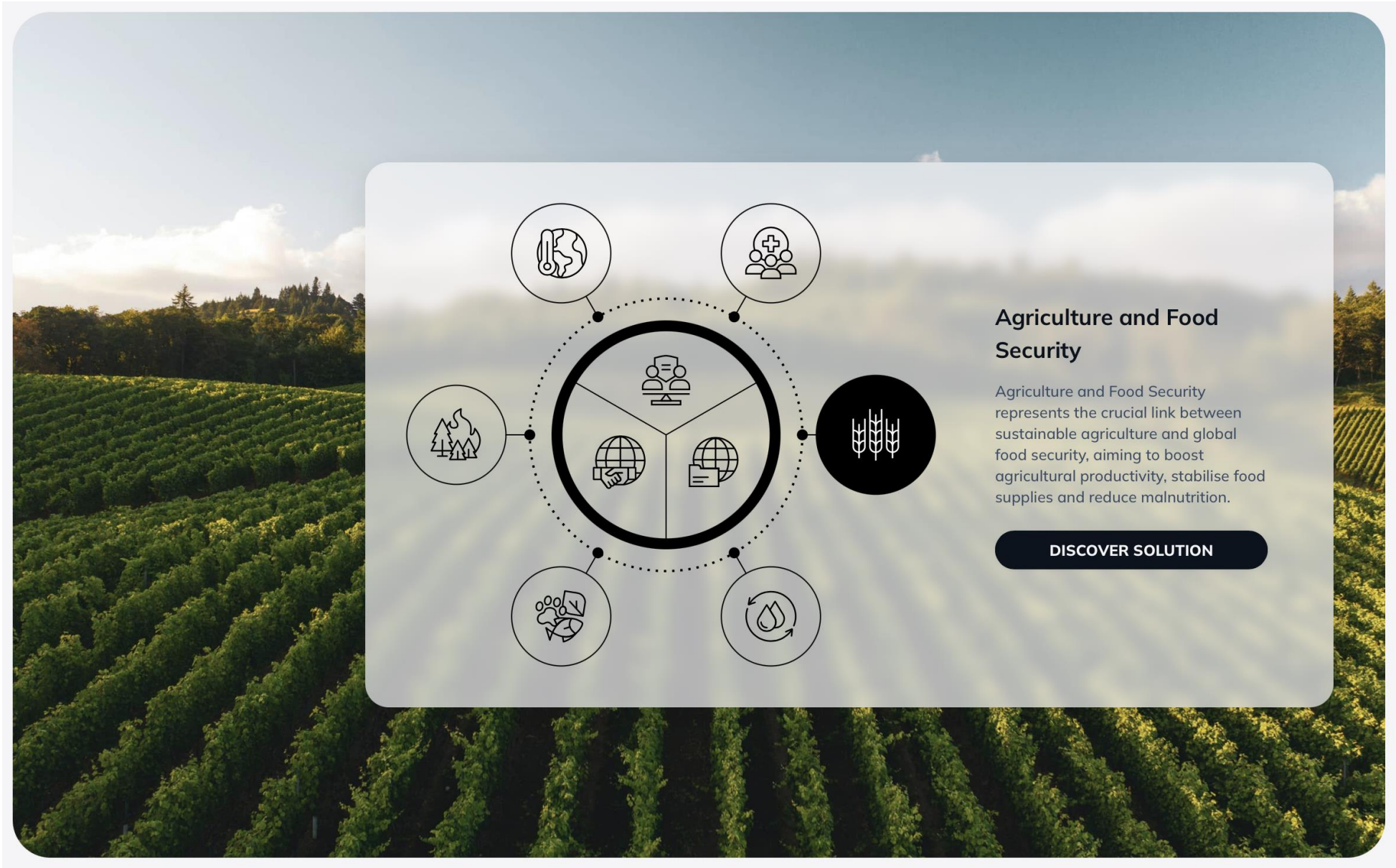
H.E. Jorge Carrillo
Ecuador

- Approval of new GWP

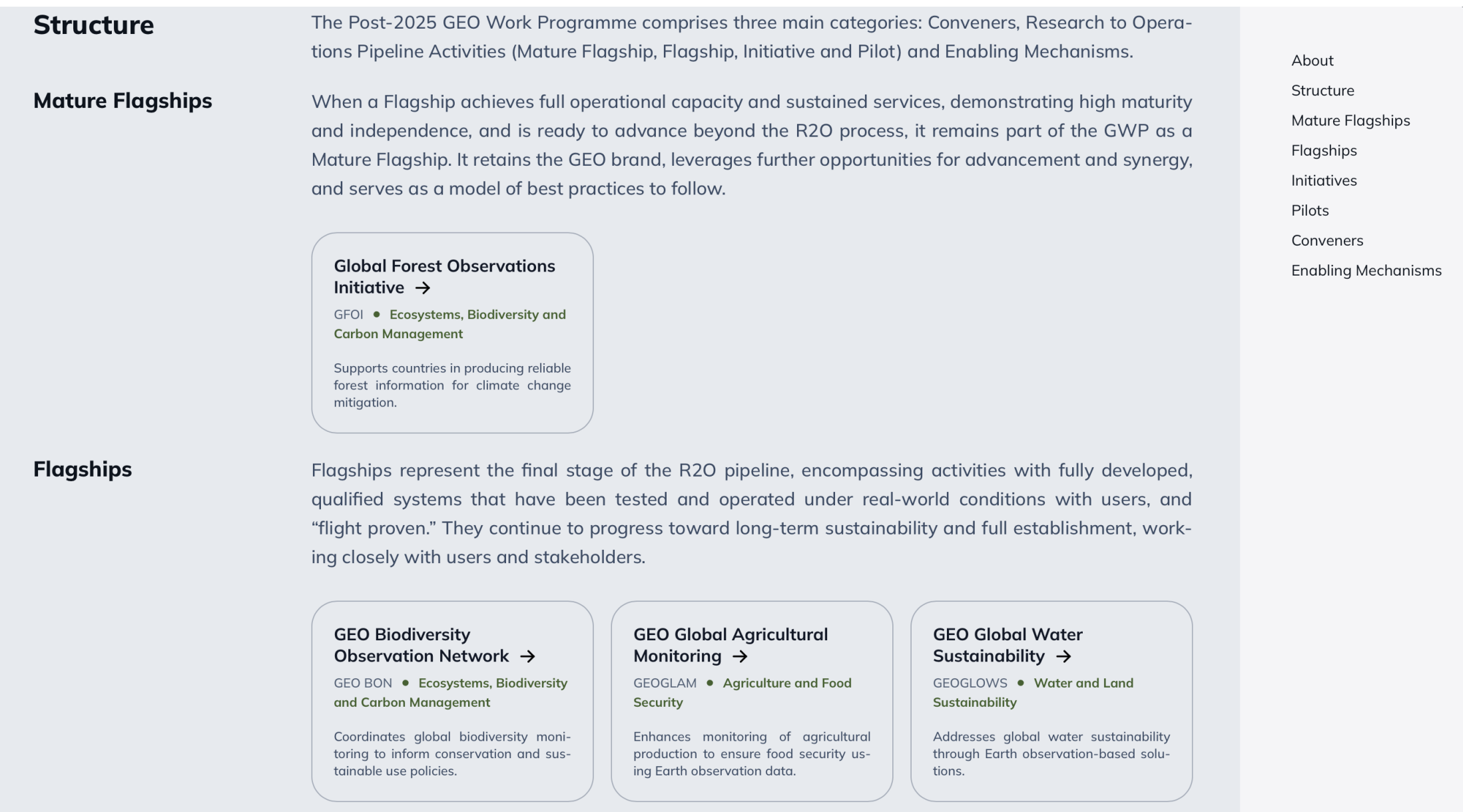


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View by Solutions



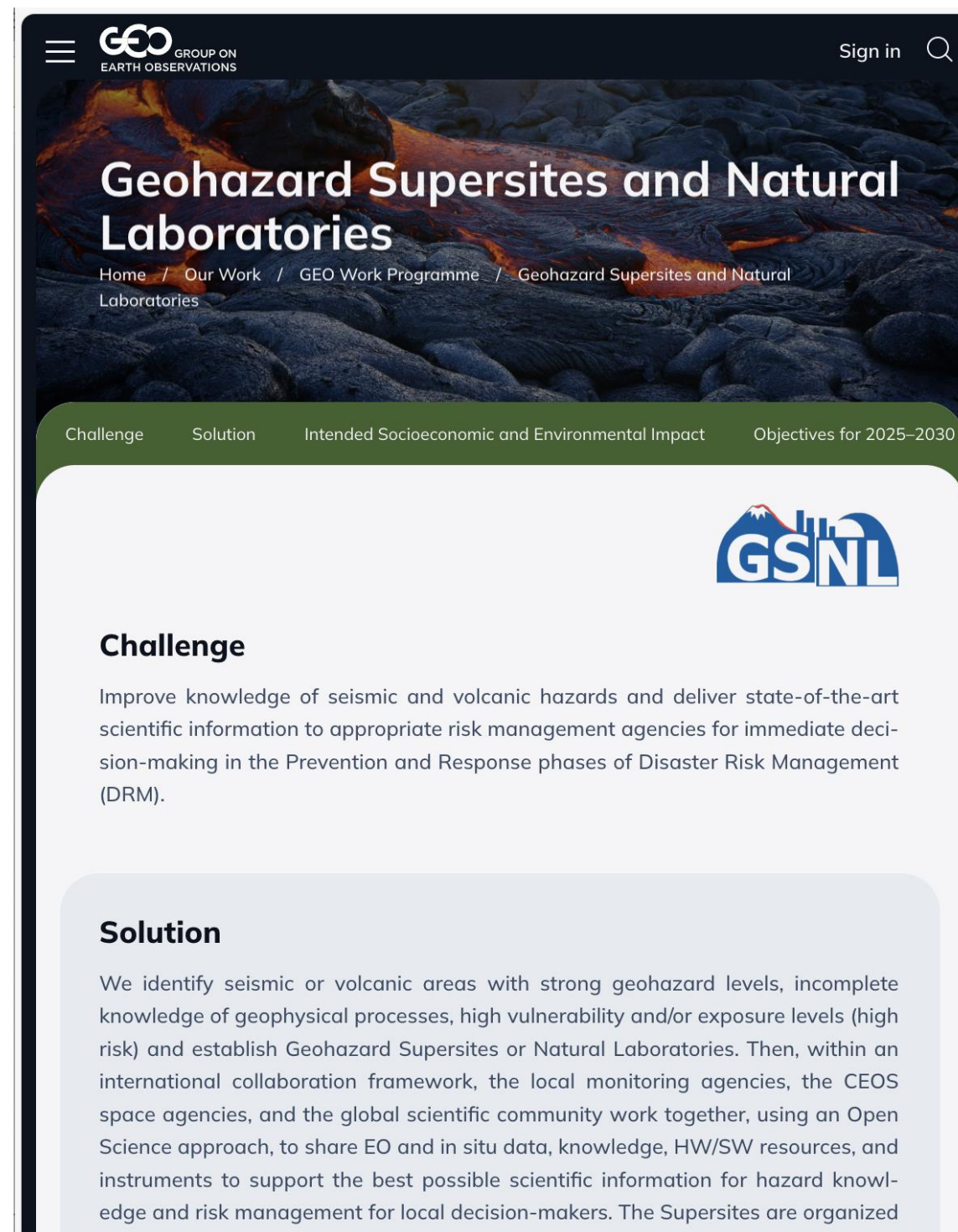
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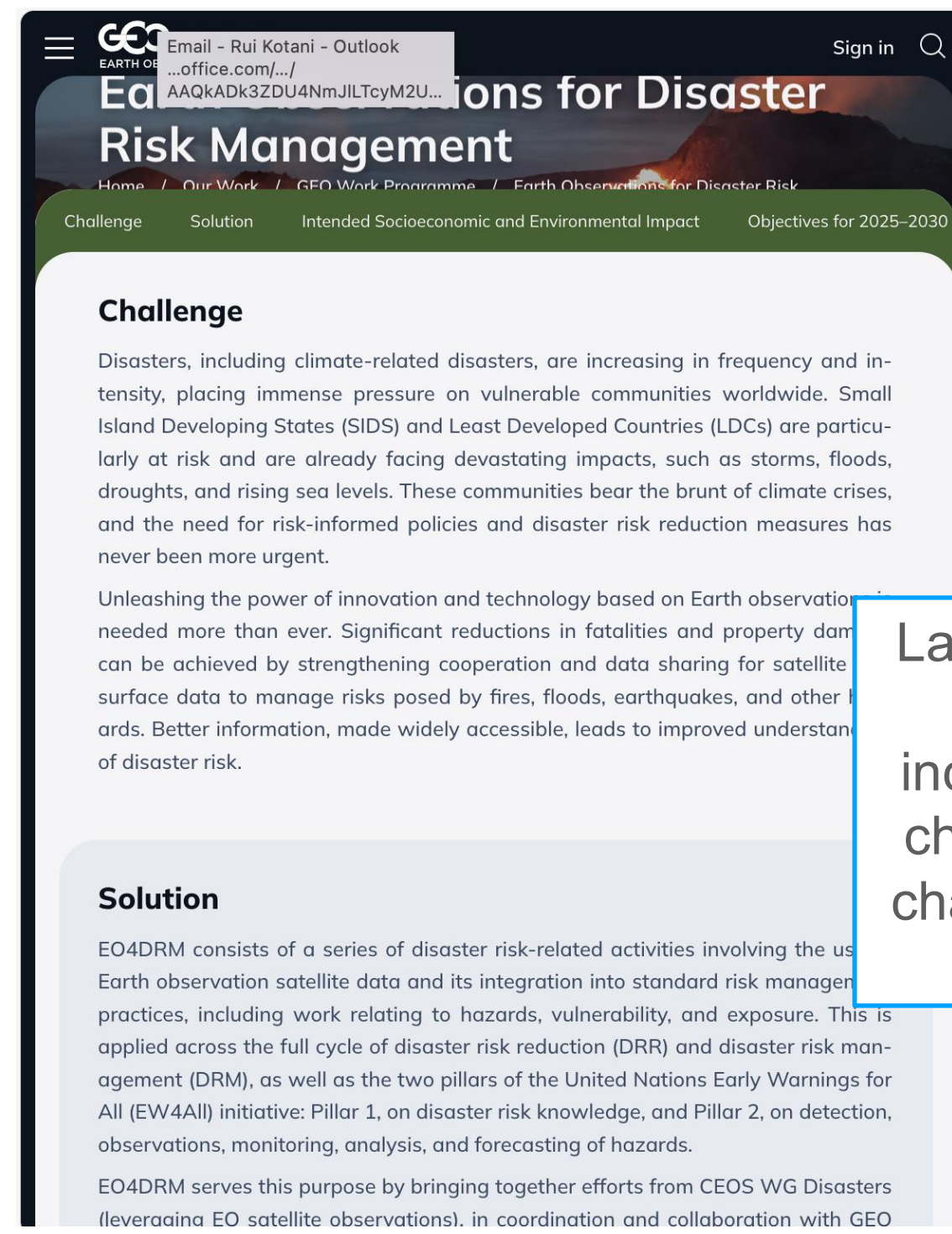
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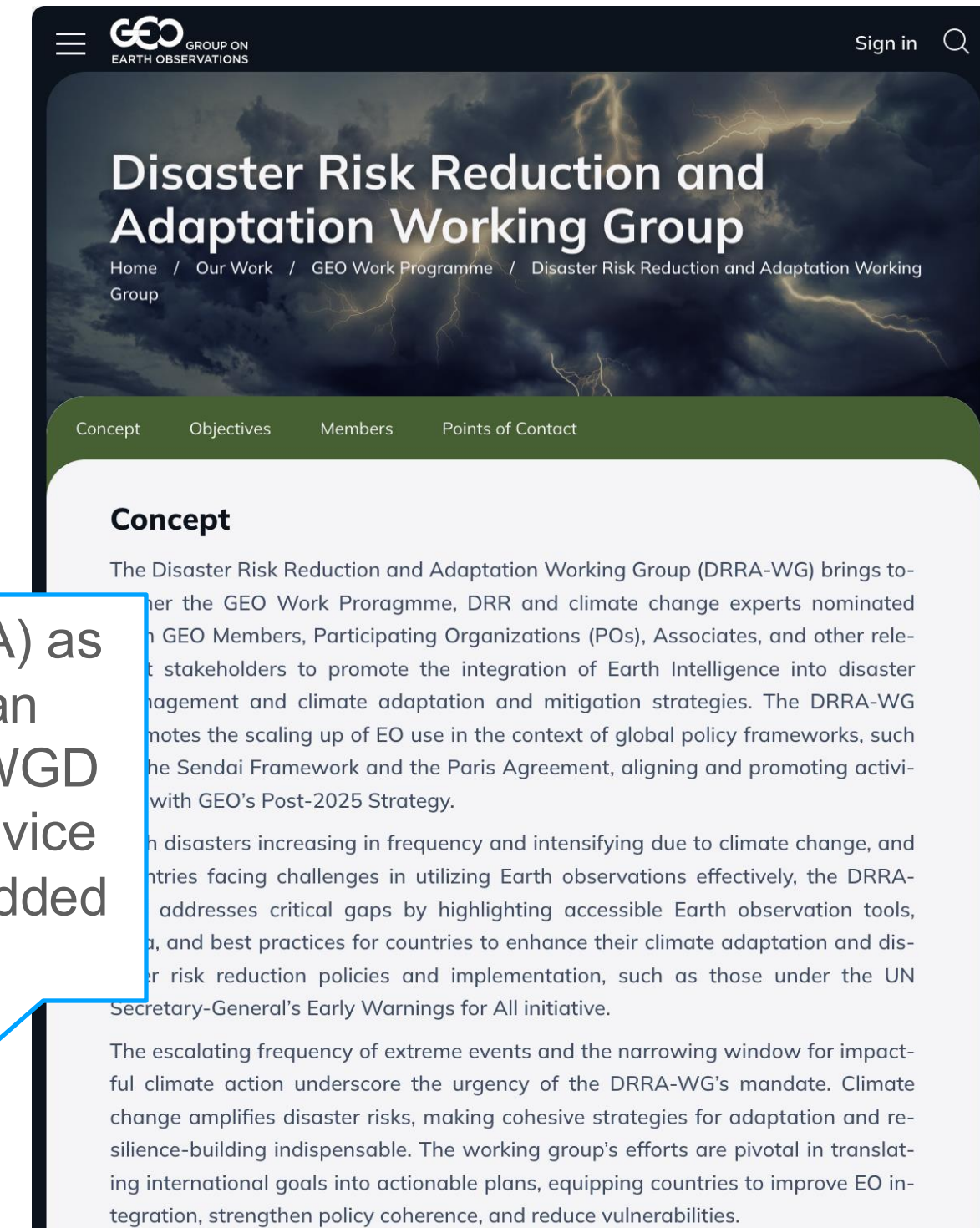
<https://earthobservations.org/groups/geohazard-supersites-and-natural-laboratories>

EO4DRM



<https://earthobservations.org/groups/earth-observations-for-disaster-risk-management>

DRRA-WG



<https://earthobservations.org/groups/disaster-risk-reduction-and-adaptation-working-group>

Laurant (UNOOSA) as vice chair and an incoming CEOS WGD chair (+ incoming vice chair) should be added as members.

GPDRR / EW4All MSF & GEO blogs



- GSNL featured at GPDRR, EW4All MSF, Volcanic conf.

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Charles Balagizi: Warnings in fragile contexts

Charles Balagizi, geochemist at the Goma Volcano Observatory and a leader in GEO's [GSNL](#) flagship, spoke about the unique challenges of fragile and conflict-affected regions. In eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the observatory lacks funding and proper infrastructure for the monitoring of active volcanoes and volcanic risk assessment, or even safe access to hazard zones.

Here, Earth observations are a lifeline: satellites can see where people cannot safely go or equipment is not deployed on the ground, and global collaboration helps fill capacity gaps .

Dr Charles Balagizi on the role of Earth Intelligence in fragile settings

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- 2 GEO blogs
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Blog

Warnings, action and collaboration: GEO at the first EW4All Forum →

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News

Dates for your diary: Data and Knowledge Working Group Onboarding sessions →

04 September 2025

Onboarding webinars

for new GEO Work Programme activities

11.09.2025

Open Knowledge Statement and its principles

15.09.2025

GEO In-situ Data Strategy and tools: Librisitu tool & G-reqs

24.09.2025

Data Sharing and Data Management Principles & Self Assessment Tool

01.10.2025

Data and Software Licenses Guidance

08.10.2025

How to use the GEO Knowledge Hub?

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12 innovative Earth observation applications for health in the Americas →

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Blog

Earth intelligence for resilience: partnerships and insights from the Pacific →

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- New blogs for GEO website from CEOS WGD is welcome!

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Post-2025 GWP Development Phase II:

Complete information gaps from Phase I

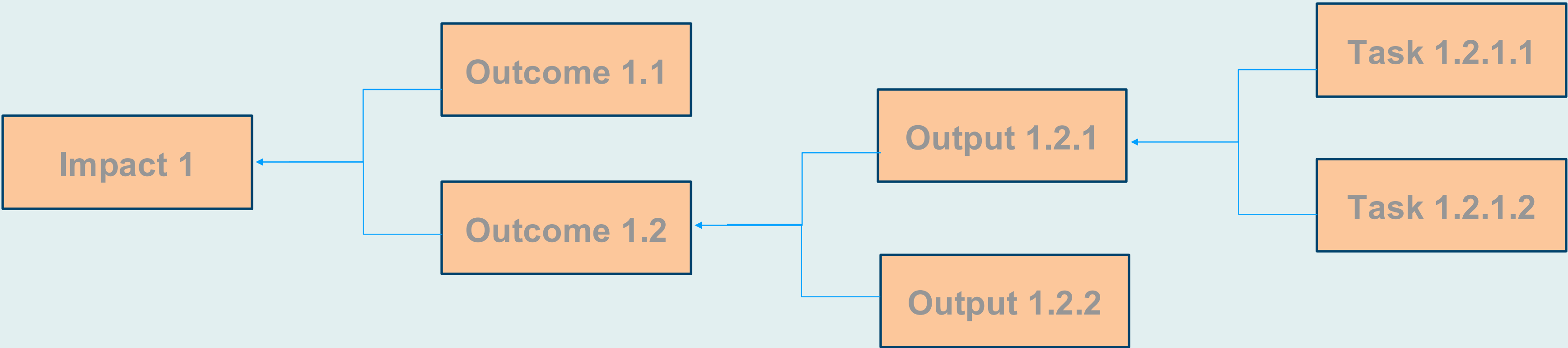
Develop detailed workplans

Support category transitions

Align with GEO branding

Post-2025 GWP Development Phase II:

Major Task – Workplan Development



Overall impact	Outcome	Output	Success indicator	Baseline	Target	Start month/year	End month/year

Phase II

Workplan based on Results Framework

Post-2025 GWP Development Phase II: *GEO Branding Compliance*

Commitment to implementing GEO Brand Guidance

- Using similar designs, colours, and fonts across all logos for GWP activities
- New activities adopt the new branding
- Existing activities gradually transit to the new branding



Post-2025 GWP Development Phase II:

Other information to provide



Data management plan and connection to GEO infrastructure

Private sector engagement

Contributor list

Risk management plan

Post-2025 GWP Development Phase II: *Timeline*

Present – 30 Oct 2025

1 Nov – 30 Dec 2025

1 Jan – 28 Feb 2026

Consultation and
online system
development

GWP activities
submit Phase II
information

Review quality
assurance

Open House Webinars

- **Building on:** recent AI4EO and GKH webinars for the GWP community.
- **A new open-house series:** being developed to systematically showcase GWP activities.
- **Means:** online
- **Duration:** ~75–90 minutes each
- **Timing:** first webinar planned for early Dec.
- **Format:** flash talks guided by Phase II template questions, followed by Q&A.
- **Possible themes:**
 - Hazard-Exposure-Vulnerability Integration for Resilience.
 - DRR-Climate-Biodiversity Nexus.

2026 GEO Symposium (tbc next month)



25-28 May, 2026



**Geneva,
Switzerland**



Thank you!

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