

Future Earth GEC Community workshop

28th/29th November 2012

UNESCO, 7 Place de Fontenoy, Paris, Room IX

The workshop objective is to seek feedback and involvement from all participants on i) Future Earth's revised research framework; ii) Future Earth's organizational design; and iii) a timeline and practical arrangements for transition to a fully operational Future Earth programme, including the transition and active involvement of your core projects. This is a consultative workshop, the results of which will be used by the Future Earth leadership (the Transition Team, the Transition Management Board, and the Future Earth Scientific Committee, when appointed) to finalise the overall Future Earth framework and design, and guide its implementation.

Agenda

Plenary sessions: *Room IX*

Day 1 – Initial design of Future Earth

Co-chairs of Transition Team: Johan Rockström and Diana Liverman

0900 Welcome, meeting objectives and the agenda (15'): Co-chairs

0915 Ice-breaker (30'): Heide Hackmann

- Introduce yourself to at least 2 other people that you don't know
- Talk about your hopes and fears for Future Earth – if you feel like it, write them up on post-its/flipcharts

0945 Future Earth 101 – history, main goals and roles: Steven Wilson and Heide Hackmann (15')

1000 Future Earth Research Framework (45')

- The new Research Framework and research themes: Johan Rockström
- Main messages from the consultation, and how they have been addressed: Diana Liverman

1045 Coffee

1100 Q+A with Transition Team (30')

1130 Future Earth Organisational Design and Funding Strategy (30')

- Proposed global governance system, including initial feedback from consultative discussions on regional nodes: Rik Leemans and Peter Liss
- Alliance Future Earth funding strategy: Patrick Monfray

1200 Q+A with Transition Team (45')

1245 Lunch (1.5 hours) / Optional lunchtime breakout – Communications (Denise Young), *Room IV*

1415 Introduction to Breakout session 1 (15') – *Room IX*

1430 Breakout session 1a –feedback on the research framework (60') 4 groups: *Rooms IV, V, VII, IX*

Questions to be discussed:

- How can the research framework / be further improved? What additional priority research themes should be included or how should the existing ones be changed?
- How could existing projects best contribute to Future Earth and what new, integrated projects could you foresee falling within the framework?

1530 Breakout session 1b –feedback on the organisational design (45') 4 groups: *Rooms IV, V, VII, IX*

Questions to be discussed:

- How can the initial organisational design be further strengthened?
- How best can the principles of integration of disciplines and the co-design and co-production of knowledge with users be implemented?

1615 Coffee / Chairs and Rapporteurs prepare their feedback

1630 Feedback from breakout groups, lunchtime session and general discussion, *Room IX*

1830 Close of day 1

1830 Networking reception, UNESCO restaurant, 7th floor

Day 2 – Managing the transition process

Co-chairs: Steven Wilson and Jakob Rhyner

Room IX

0830 Welcome, objectives for the day, and reflections on day 1: Co-chairs

0845 The Transition Management Project: Jakob Rhyner (30')

0915 Q+A with the Transition Management Board (30')

0945 Introduction to Breakout sessions: Steven Wilson (15')

3 breakout group topics, run 3 times. Over the course of the rest of the day, everyone participates in each topic. *Rooms VII, VIII, IX*

Topics:

A: Projects' transition into Future Earth – How and when should the current projects transition into Future Earth? What challenges and opportunities does this present – for the projects and for Future Earth? What support would projects need to allow them to thrive within Future Earth?

B: Funding strategy – How can we work together to stabilise current research support, facilitate project funding and grow it into the future? How can Future Earth best serve to leverage research resources for integrated, international collaboration?

C: Community engagement – What would it take to grow the research and stakeholder communities working on GEC/Future Earth research, and how best could this be organised?

1000 Coffee

1015 Breakout session 1

1115 Breakout session 2

1215 Lunch / Optional lunchtime breakout – Data management (Mustapha Mokrane and Kathleen Cass), *Room V*

1345 Breakout session 3

1445 Tea / Chairs and Rapporteurs prepare their feedback

1500 Feedback from the 3 chairs, lunchtime session and discussion, *Room IX*

1600 Discussion continued

Key recommendations and next steps

1715 Concluding remarks: Johan Rockström, Steven Wilson

1730 Meeting close

Documents

1. Agenda
2. List of participants
3. Draft Future Earth research framework
4. Draft Future Earth governance
5. Compilation of comments received by projects on research framework

Additional documentation

6. Document from Swedish National Committee
7. Document from Swiss National Committee