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Future Earth

Regional Workshop

for Latin America and the Caribbean

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Goals of the meeting

- To develop a common understanding of Future Earth, including its **vision, research framework and governance**
- To identify **regional research priorities** (research questions, required capabilities, etc.) that will help shape the Future Earth research strategy in Latin America and the Caribbean
- To discuss opportunities and challenges for **implementing** Future Earth in the region
- To explore the best ways of establishing a **regional interface** for Future Earth

Expected outcomes

- Regional **feedback** on Future Earth, including its vision, research framework and governance
- Identified **links** with existing regional research plans and priorities
- Guidance on the **next steps** to implement Future Earth in the LAC region

Meeting structure

- Introduction to Future Earth (Monday am)
 - Background, history and aims
 - Global research framework
 - Organisational design and funding
- Regional priorities and mechanisms (Monday pm)
 - Current activities
 - Regional vision for Future Earth

Meeting structure

- Funders perspectives (Tuesday am)
- How can Future Earth further catalyse GEC research in the region?
- Engaging with stakeholders (Tuesday pm)
- Implementation in the region

Muchas gracias - Thank you



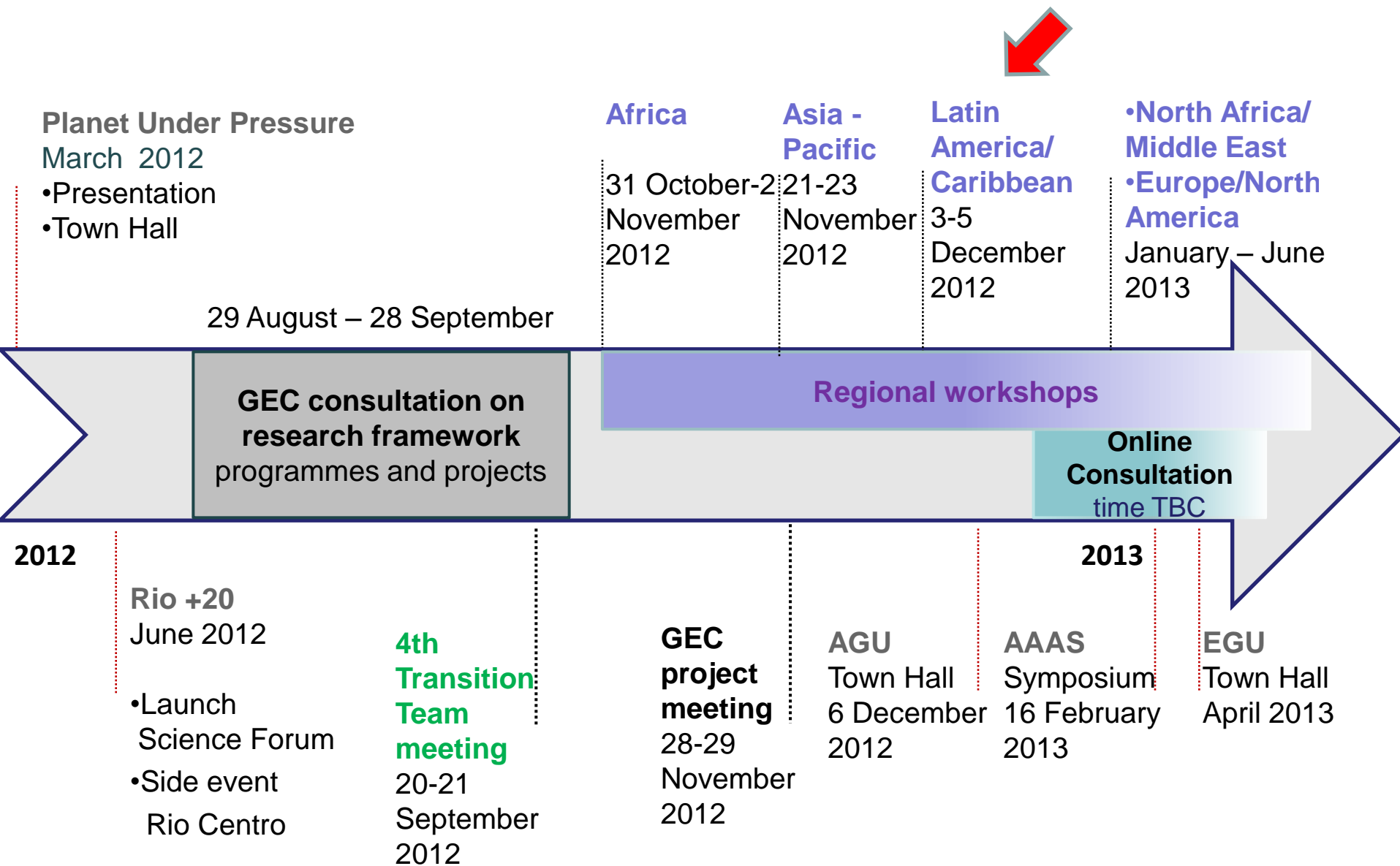


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Future Earth

What comes next

Consultative process: Timeline



Overall Time Plan

18-month
initial design
Transition Team

interim
governance

Future Earth
10-year initiative

Jun
2011

Dec
2012

Jan
2013

May
2014

Interim
secretariat

Operational
secretariat

Interim
governance

Governing
Council

Science
Committee

Integration of existing projects

New activities

Interim phase (Jan 2013 – May 2014)

- Establish Science Committee
- Recruit Interim Director and interim secretariat
- Existing Global Environmental Change projects join Future Earth
- Early opportunities for new projects and activities
- Regional actions informed by current consultations
- Run open call for Future Earth secretariat

Full operations (May 2014 –)

- Permanent director, secretariat and governance structure in place
- Future Earth fully up-and running