



GEOSS in the Americas Forum on Coastal Zone Management

November 20, 2009

Embassy of Canada, Washington D.C.

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- NOTES:** All participants should be pre-registered on-line at www.cgeo.gc.ca.
Valid photo identification is required to enter the Embassy.
There is no on-site parking available.
Please allow sufficient time to clear security and registration.
Session starts at 08:30 sharp!

Preliminary Program

7:30-8:30 – Registration and Coffee

8:30-10:30

1. Welcome and Overview

- Welcome on Behalf of the Embassy of Canada, *Graham Gibbs, Canadian Space Agency*
- Welcoming Remarks, *David Grimes, GEO Principal of Canada, Environment Canada*
- GEOSS in the Americas, *Helen Wood, NOAA Co-Chair, USGEO*
- GEO Coastal Zone Community of Practice, *Paul DiGiacomo, Co-Chair, Panel on Integrated Coastal Observations, Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)*

2. Panel on GEOSS in the Americas Activities

- SERVIR Program, *Emil Cherrington, CATHALAC*
- GEONETCast Americas, *Luiz Machado (TBC), Brazil INPE*
- GEO Capacity Building Workshop on Observations for Water Resource Management, *David Toll (TBC), NASA*
- PAIGH and Spatial Data Infrastructure in the Americas, *Jean Parcher, U.S. Geological Survey*

3. Earth Observations in the Coastal Zone: Critical Issues and Lessons Learned

Dr. Leonard Nurse (TBC), Senior Lecturer, University of the West Indies, and former Director, Coastal Zone Management Unit, Government of Barbados

10:30-11:00 – Break

11:00-13:00

4. International Cooperation and Legal Challenges for Coastal Zone Managers

Javier Valladares (TBC), Chairman, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)

5. Panel on Earth Observation Programs in the Coastal Zone

“How does your program use earth observations to inform decisions about coastal zone management?”

- Jose H Muelbert, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande (Brazil), Global Ocean Observing System Panel on Integrated Coastal Observations (GOOS-PICO)
- Kendrick Leslie (TBC), Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)
- Vincent Sweeney (TBC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Stuart Frye, Caribbean Flood Pilot
- Hector Soldi (TBC), Peru/Chile Large Marine Ecosystem Program (LME)
- Russ Beard, U.S. – Mexico Bi-National Harmful Algal Blooms Observing System (HABSOS)
- Ernesto Diaz (TBC), Coastal Zone Program Manager, Puerto Rico

6. Looking ahead/next steps

13:00 – Adjourn

The Forum is hosted by:

The Canadian Group on Earth Observations (CGEO) and the U.S. Group on Earth Observations (USGEO) – Special thanks to the Canadian Space Agency and the Embassy of Canada in Washington

Program Committee Members (organizations):

Argentine Navy Hydrographic Service; Barbados Coastal Zone Management Unit; Brazilian Navy - Oceanographer of the Navy; Canadian Group on Earth Observations (CGEO); Center for Water and the Humid Tropics in Latin America and the Caribbean (CATHALAC); Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources; GEO Coastal Zone Community of Practice; GEO Secretariat; Global Ocean Observing System Panel for Integrated Coastal Observations (GOOS-PICO); Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Blooms Observing System (HABSOS); Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC); U.S. Geological Survey (USGS); U.S. Group on Earth Observations (USGEO); U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System -Caribbean Regional Association (US-IOOS-CaRA); U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); United Nations Environment Programme - Caribbean Environment Programme (UNEP-CEP)

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