



**GOFC-GOLD Regional Networks Summit
Tbilisi, Georgia
13-16th September 2017**

AGENDA

DAY 1 (13TH SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY)

8:00 Registration

9:00 Call to order

9:05-10:35 Opening Session- I – Introduction, GOFC-GOLD Overview and Summit Objectives (Co-chairs: Senay Habtezion and Giorgi Ghambashidze)

9:05 Welcome Remarks – Vakhtang Lejava, Rector, Agricultural University of Georgia

Welcome Remarks – Nodar Khatiashvili, Deputy Director Scientific Research Center for Agriculture

Welcome Remarks – Mari Khardzian, head of International Relations Division, National Public Registry Agency

Marika Abuladze – Mari Khardzian, Head of Spatial Information Service, National Public Registry Agency

9:25 Origins and History of GOFC-GOLD Program – John Townshend (University of Maryland) (Recorded Presentation)

9:45 START GOFC-GOLD Program Update – Cheikh Mbow (START International)

10:05 Meeting Objectives – Garik Gutman (NASA HQ) and Chris Justice (University of Maryland)

10:25 -10:35 Group Picture

10:35 -11:00 Tea Break

11:05-12:30 Session-II: Regional Network Updates and Recent Accomplishments
Chair: Garik Gutman (NASA)

11:05 GOFC-GOLD Networks and Regional Coordination – Reflections: Olga Krankina (Oregon State University (retired); formerly GOFC GOLD Regional Networks Coordinator)

Functional Networks (10-minutes each)

- 11:20 SCERIN – Petya Campbell (NASA) and Jana Albrechtova
- 11:30 REDLaTIF – Gerardo Lopez Saldaña and Nicolas Mari
- 11:40 SAFNET – Chennai Simms and Wisdom Dilamini
- 11:50 SEARRIN – Israr Alabar, Trung Levan, Jiaguo Qi and Krishna Vadrevu
- 12:00 MIOMBO – Judith Kamoto and Natasha Ribero

Emerging/Dormant Networks

- 12:10 OSFAC – Landing Mane and Edweige Effa
- 12:20 WARN – Vincent Von Vordzogbe and Oble Neya
- 12:30-1:30 *Lunch*

1:30 – 5:00 Session – II. Regional Network Updates and Recent Accomplishments (ctd..) Chair: Krishna Vadrevu (NASA)
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- 1:30 CARIN – Jiaguo Qi (Michigan State University)
- 1:40 CaucRIN: report on the kickoff Meeting – Giorgi Ghambashidze and Volker Radeloff
- 1:50 SARIN - J.K.Garg and Krishna Vadrevu
- 2:00 MekRIN –Jiaguo Qi (Michigan State University) and Pariwate Varnakovida
- 2:10 BARIN – Gregory Taff
- 2:20 Summary Assessment of GOFC Regional Networks – Garik Gutman and Krishna Vadrevu
- 2:30 Discussion Session on Regional Networks’ Science Updates and Accomplishments (Chris Justice)
- 3:30-4:00 *Tea Break*
- 4:00 GOFC-GOLD Program: Priorities and Way forward – Presentation followed by Facilitated Discussion with Antony Janetos (GOFC-GOLD Chair, Boston University)
- 4:30 Adjourn
- 6:30 Dinner Reception

DAY 2 (14TH SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY)

9:00 – 12:50 Session III. Priorities for GOFC-GOLD Program – Land, Fire and other Themes
Chair: Olga Krankina

9:00 Fire IT Priorities and RN Opportunities – David Roy (South Dakota State University)

9.15 Regional Networks Emerging Priorities: Perspectives from START – Cheikh Mbow

9:35 REDD+ Assessment and reporting - opportunities for GOFC GOLD Regional Networks
Pontus Olefsson (Boston University) and David Skole (Michigan State University)

9.50 Silvacarbon and GOFC-GOLD Regional Networks Opportunities – Sylvia Wilson (USGS)

10: 10 GISTDA and GOFC-GOLD Collaboration in EOs Trainings and Networks Strengthening –
Tanita Suepa

10:30 *Tea Break*

11:00 Land Cover IT Priorities and RN Opportunities – Martin Herold (Wageningen University)
and Pontus Olofsson (Land Cover IT-Co-Chair, Boston U.)

11:20 Group Discussion: Regional Networks Emerging Priorities – Thematic Breakout Groups
(Land, Fire, others)

12:20 Report Back from Breakout Groups - Regional Networks Emerging Priorities

12:50 Emerging Priorities - All GOFC-GOLD Themes – Group Discussion (Lead, Cheikh Mbow)

1:20 *Lunch*

2:00 - 5:30: Field Visit – Agricultural University of Georgia and Tour of Old Town City of Tbilisi

DAY 3 (15TH SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY)

9:15-10:30 Session IV - Data Initiative and Meeting/Training Activities Coordination among GOFC Networks and Other Global Initiatives –Discussion Lead – Senay Habtezion, Pontus Olofsson and Krishna Vadrevu

10:30 *Tea Break*

11:00 – 12:00 Way Forward for the GOFC-GOLD RN's – New Opportunities 10-minute presentations by each RN Lead Perspectives on Way Forward and Next Steps for GOFC - Chair: (TBD)

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2:00 Group Discussion - Way Forward for GOFC Regional Networks Synthesis (Chris Justice)

3:30 Summary and Closing Remarks (Garik Gutman)

4:00 Adjourn

Day 4 (16th September, Saturday)

Field trip - Theme: Land Use and Change in Georgia with trip to Kazbegi Mountain – Great Caucasian Chain