



GEBCO

Governance Review – IOC Assembly Update

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Background

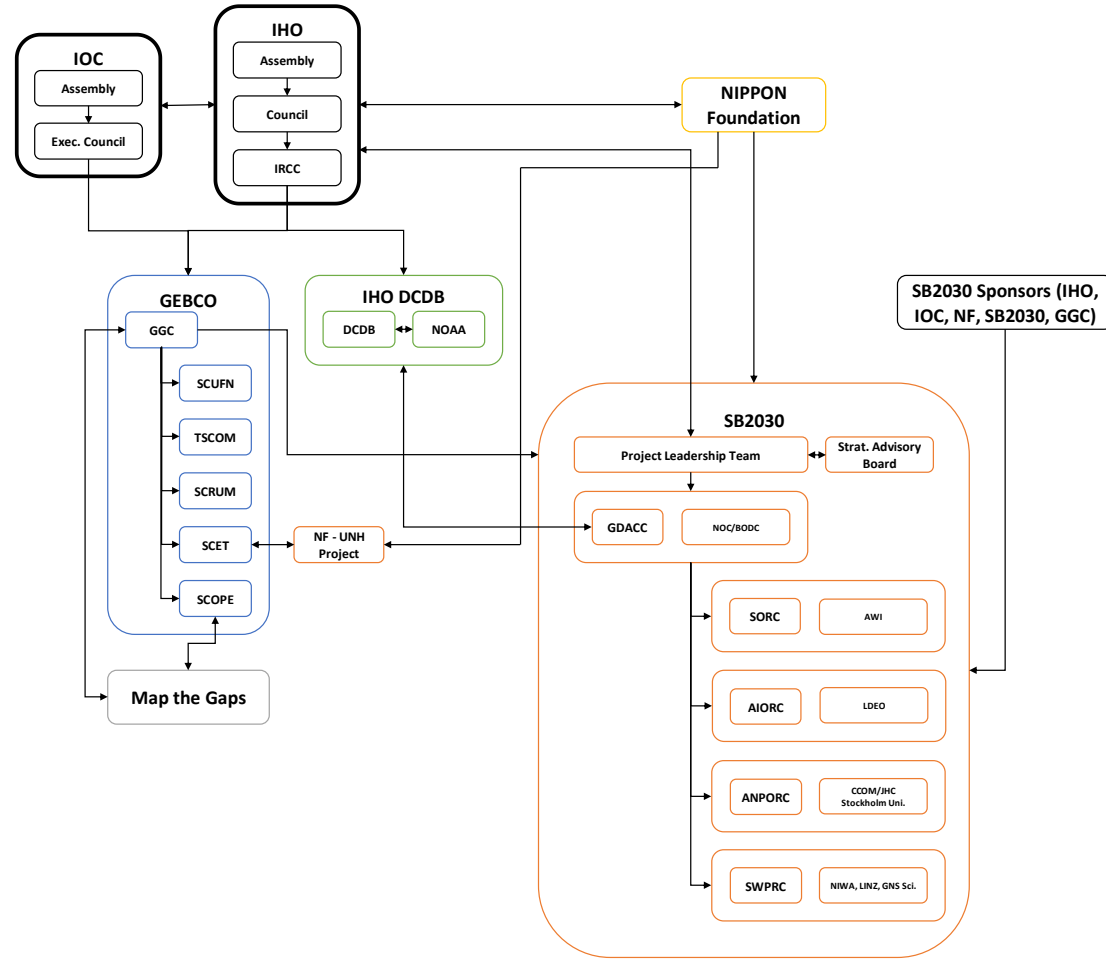
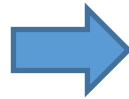
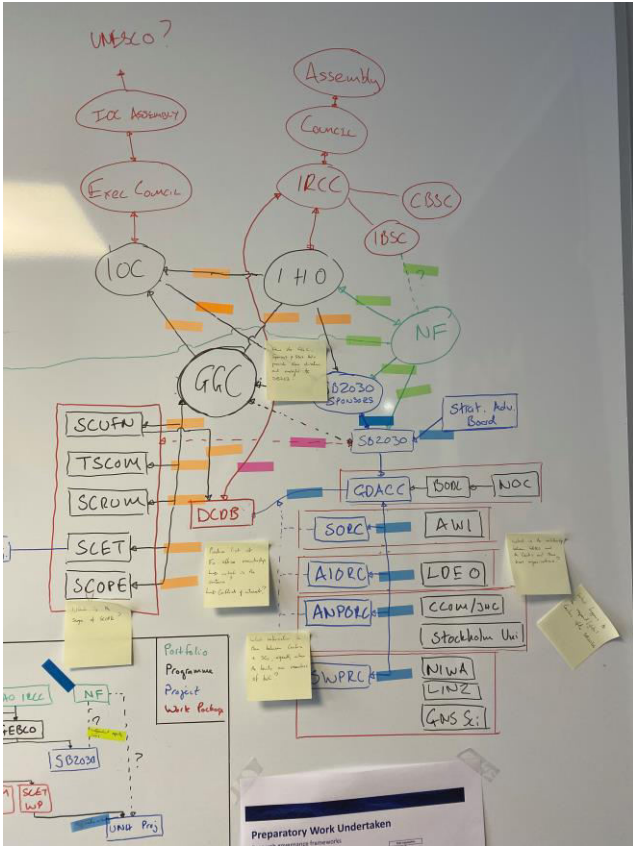
- Executive Council decision EC-55/3.1 (2022)
- Establishment of the GEBCO Governance Review Project Team
- Project Team – Chair GEBCO Secretary, Vice Chair IOC GEBCO Representative
- Initial plan was to present results to 52nd session of IOC Assembly
- Initial findings were reported to GGC39, but further work and consideration at GGC40 is required before final submission.

Work undertaken to date

Status of project team work items:

- Establishment of Project Team – **Complete**
- Map organizational and functional structure – **Complete**
- Identify relationships and conduct governance instrument gap analysis – **Complete (phase 1)**
- Assess instruments and work plans of GEBCO bodies to identify initial findings – **Complete (Except SB2030)**
- Financial review – **Initial review complete**
- Legal review – **not started**
- Final summary report and **continuous improvement process development** – **In progress**

GEBCO Organogram



Summary

- All relationships codified
- Relationships bounded in red have been described and analyzed
- Findings listed with potential solutions provided if appropriate

Next Steps

The initial findings presented in the paper have been discussed with the Chair Teams of the GEBCO bodies concerned. Due to the complexity of activity, and despite significant progress in completing core elements of the review, the GEBCO Guiding Committee still needs to discuss the final report and recommendations at its 40th Meeting in November 2023, prior to consideration by the parent organizations in 2024. Milestones are summarized as:

- **Mid June** – present update to IRCC and IOC Assembly
- **End Aug** – Draft Report provided to GGC for comment
- **End Sept** – Comments reviewed / workshopped by PT
- **Mid Oct** – Report submitted to GGC40
- **April 2024** – Report submitted to IRCC16 and IOC Exec. Council

Proposed decision

The proposed decision is referenced Dec. A-32/4.1 in the Action Paper (document IOC/A-32/AP Prov.). The IOC Assembly is requested to take note of these developments. The Executive Secretary would present the outcomes of the GEBCO governance review to the Executive Council at its 57th session in 2024.

Thank You