Eye on Earth Summit 2015
Summit 2015

• **Location:**
  Abu Dhabi

• **Date:**
  October 6-8, 2015

• **Attendees:**
  – Invitation only event, **650** attendees
  – Diverse audience
  – Attend in personal capacity

• **Tagline:**
  Informed decision making for sustainable development
The Venue

• **St. Regis Saadiyat Island** – Plenary setting capacity up to 1,500 guests
Expected Summit Outcomes

Primary outcomes:
• Partnerships to support informed decision making for sustainable development
• Donors engaged with the EoE process
• Assist the achievement of SDGs through EoE initiatives
• Demonstrate EoE progress (showcase outcomes from the Special Initiatives)
• Common understanding of the Alliance Vision

Open Ended outcomes:
• While it is necessary to identify the Summit outcomes, it is important to give the flexibility to the audience to generate additional outcomes during the discussions, so it is audience driven
• Creating tools and opportunities for stakeholders to collaborate after the summit
Summit Themes

Summit overarching theme: Sustainable Development Goals

Use the capacity of the Special Initiatives community to:

• Look at the evolving SDGs
• Review their data gaps
• Recommend how the SIs can fill in these gaps
• Become more solution driven
• Focus on specific, real, and contemporary applications
Themes

Three different themes:
• Supply
• Demand
• Enabling Conditions (policy, legal, finance, ...)

Five cross cutting tracks:
• Legal infrastructure for informed decision making (policy)
• Availability and access to environmental data
• Inter-operability of data
• Communicating / visualizing data for decision making
• Societal structure enabling collaborative decision making
Summit Design

• Focus more on the collaborative spirit among the attendees.
• Offer more creative platforms for attendees to share ideas, interact, and encourage networking, collaborating and sharing.
• The Summit will be designed to be a participatory one where emphasis is on the attendees and getting them involved in the discussion.
• More action and meeting spaces rather than listening to speakers and presentations.
Summit Structure

• Summit to have opening and closing sessions and 2-4 plenary sessions
• Keynote speakers will energize the audience during these sessions and set the tone for the Summit / day
• Agenda will consist of interactive sessions lead by the facilitators and the attendees

Proposed tools :
• Breakout groups, side events, debates, capacity building sessions, EoE Souq (in lieu of an Exhibition), networking and opportunities area, workshops, PechaKucha presentations, lightening talks, speakers’ corner, mock trial, artists and data visualization, buzz sessions, data tunnel, challenges, EoE unplugged, global dialogue, regional perspective, pitch to donors, celebrity support, and finally a Gala Dinner.
Summit Speakers and Facilitators

• The Summit will have an interactive, participatory approach
• Moderator for the whole Summit
• Inspirational keynote speakers
• Facilitators will act as collaborators to bring people together to start the dialogue; they will be moderating debates and workshops, leading side events discussions and supporting capacity building sessions.
Summit Invitees

• Recognized thought leaders
• People who can catalyze change in line with the Alliance objectives
• People who have solutions and/or can demonstrate successful case studies/examples
• People who will proactively contribute to the dialogue and future of EoE Alliance