



19TH SESSION OF THE DDE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

15-17 August 2026

9:00-18:00 UTC+8 (Beijing time)

Kunshan City, Jiangsu Province, China

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82497009981>

Attendees

EC Members: Qiuming Cheng (Chair), William Cavazza, Anna Nguno, Yukun Shi, Natarajan Ishwaran, Irasema Alcantara (Online)

GC Chair: Harvey Thorleifson

SC Chair: Hans Thybo

DDE Secretariat: Mike Stephenson (15th only), Juxin Shen, Chao Li, Li Lingyu

Invited Guests

GEG Members, Representatives of International Science and Technology Cooperation Center (ISTCC), Representatives of DDE Suzhou Center, Representatives of Zhejiang Lab, Representatives of DDE RCEs and WTGs

Venue

Conference Center of Xin Park (2022 XiaoLin Road, Kunshan City)

Accommodations

Hilton Garden (1398 Lucheng Road, Kunshan City)

Provisional Agenda

Day One August 15 Morning: Exchanges and Communications

- (a) Meeting with Kunshan Government Officers (8:30 – 9:30), group photo
- (b) Workshop (9:30 – 13:00) Chair: Qiuming Cheng
 - (1) Harvey Thorleifson's presentation on "Optimizing the contribution that geoscience makes to quality of life worldwide" (9:30-10:00)
 - (2) Jian Wang's presentation on "My personal journey of geoscience and AI - innovation and governance" (10:00-13:00)

Day One August 15 Afternoon DDE EC Meeting (14:00-18:00)

1. Welcome remarks from DDE EC Chair – Qiuming (5 mins)
2. Introductory remarks from DDE GC Chair, SC Chair and other attendees wishing to speak (Harvey, Hans and others – 15 mins maximum)
3. Adoption of the Agenda – Qiuming (5 mins)
4. Adoption of the minutes of the 18th session of the EC – Qiuming (5 mins)
5. Status of implementation of decisions of the 18th session of the EC – Introduction – Ish (5 mins)
 - DDE relations with 3D Outcrop team – Chao Li (10 mins)
 - IP and data sharing documents – Chao Li (10 mins)
 - Updating GC Member information and contacts – Chris (10 mins)
 - Updating and renewing DDE SC – Hans Thybo (10 mins)
 - DDE at IESO, Turin, Italy, 20-27 August 2026 – Mike (5 mins)
 - DDE at IDSSD (15-17 July) and DDE at IAGOD (30 August – 3 September) – Qiuming (10 mins)
 - DDE budget 2026 and 2027 – proposals for CAG 31 and other activities and for IGC 38 in 2028 – Yukun (10 mins)

Coffee Break 15:45-16:15

- Secretariat development plan – Ish (10 mins)
- Updating and improving www.ddeworld.org – Lingyu/Chris (10 mins)
- CUGB Frontier Science Center as DDE RCE – Ish (5 mins)

- DDE International organization at statutes – Qiuming (international Organization – 15 mins) and Ish (Statutes – 10 mins)
6. DDE at AI for Science Conference of CAST, 21-22 August, Beijing, 4th Data-Diven Earth Science National Conference, Oct. 9-12, Hangzhou, China – Qiuming (15 mins)
 7. Implementing DDE-ISI – To be led by Qiuming with Q&A and discussions on each item to follow (40 mins)
 - Calls for proposals for (i) geological mapping, and (ii) geological timeline
 - Next steps for (i) plate tectonics, (ii) earth system modelling and (iii) sustainable earth resources
 - DDE-ISI Program 1 – OneEarth
 - Counterpart/matching fund raising
 - Deliverable at IGC 38, Calgary, Canada, August 2028.

Day Two August 16 Morning DDE EC Meeting (9:00-12:00)

8. Priority regional foci: Africa by Ana (10min), CCOP by Qiuming (10min), followed Q&A and discussions (20 mins)
9. DDE and partners – UNESCO by Ish (10 min), CODATA by Harvey/Minghua (10mins), followed by Q&A and discussion (20 mins)
10. DDE RCEs – interactions and networking – Intro by Ish (5 mins) followed by Q&A and discussion (15 mins)

Coffee Break 10:40-11:00

11. DDE WTGs – next steps in strengthening DDE-WTG interactions and communications – Intro by Chris (5 mins) with Q&A and discussion (15 mins)
12. DDE Forum – Intro by Chris (10 mins) followed by Q&A and discussion (30 mins)

Day Two August 16 Afternoon DDE EC Meeting (14:00-18:00)

13. DDE 2026-2028 – main targets, milestones and deliverables at IGC38– Intro by Harvey/Qiuming (15 mins) followed by Q&A and discussion (45 mins)
14. DDE 2028-2033 – reflections, directions and partnerships – Intro by Qiuming and Shuzhong (15 mins) followed by Q&A and discussion (30 mins)

Coffee Break 15:45-16:15

1. General discussion and Q&A – moderated by Qiuming (45 mins)

2. Next DDE GC session – Harvey (10 mins) and Q&A and discussion (15 mins)
3. Next DDE EC Session – Qiuming (10 mins) and Q&A and discussion (15 mins)
4. AOB – Qiuming (5 mins)
5. Closing of the meeting – Qiuming (5 mins)

Day Three August 17: TBD