8.30 a.m   Reception of participants
9.00 a.m   Opening ceremony
   - Welcome from Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General
   - Welcome from A. Riccardi, IUGS President, La Plata University, Argentina
   - Main results of IGCP's 40 years - V. Vajda, IGCP Chair, Lund University, Sweden
   - Importance of Geosciences for Society - I. Stewart, Plymouth University, UK

10.15-10.45 a.m   Coffee break + exhibit

10.45-12.15 p.m   Panel discussion on The Geoscience Challenges for the Planet
   - H. Campbell, New Zealand IGCP National Committee Chair, Moderator
   - T. Casadevall, United States Geological Survey, USA
   - S. Dong, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, China
   - S. Leroy, IGCP Project Leader, Brunel University, UK
   - G. McBean, President elect, International Council for Science, France
   - X. Le Pichon, French Academy of Sciences, France

12.15-2.00 p.m   Lunch break + exhibit

2.00-3.50 p.m   Talks on Relevance of IGCP - IGCP themes presented by project leaders - J-P. Cadet, Moderator
   - Presentation of a key result and vision for the future of the theme
   - Discussion with the floor
   - 2.00-2.10 Introduction and IGCP history - E. Derbyshire, former IGCP Chair, UK
   - 2.10-2.30 Earth Resources: Sustaining our society - R. Selmann, Natural History Museum, London, UK
   - 2.30-2.50 Global Change and Evolution of Life: Evidence from the geological record
     P. Vichers-Rich, Monash University, Australia
   - 2.50-3.10 Geohazards: Mitigating the risks - M. Sintubin, Leuven University, Belgium
   - 3.10-3.30 Geoscience of the water cycle - C. Zhang, International Research Centre on Karst, China
   - 3.30-3.50 Deep Earth: How it controls our environment - Y. Dilek, Miami University, USA

3.50-4.15 p.m   Coffee break + exhibit

4.15-5.15 p.m   Panel discussion on IGCP and other Earth Science global programmes
   - J. Ludden, Global Geoscience Initiative (GGI) and OneGeology, Moderator
   - G. Kalonji, UNESCO, Natural Sciences Sector
   - A. Riccardi, IUGS, Argentina
   - S. Cloetingh, International Lithosphere Programme (ILP), Germany
   - F. Gaetani, GEO/GEOS, Switzerland
   - J. Venus, Young and Early career earth Scientists (YES Network), UK

5.15-5.45 p.m   Synthesis and conclusions: A prospective vision for the future of IGCP
   - I. Stewart, Plymouth University, UK

6.00 p.m   Reception and geological wine and cheese tasting - UNESCO Restaurant, 7th floor