

Group on Earth Observations: Overview

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GEO at a Glance

The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) is an intergovernmental partnership that improves the availability, access and use of Earth observations for a sustainable planet.

GEO promotes open, coordinated and sustained data sharing and infrastructure for better research, policy making, decisions and action across many disciplines. The GEO community focuses on three global priority engagement areas: the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

What are Earth observations?

Earth observations are data and information collected about our planet, whether atmospheric, oceanic or terrestrial. This includes space-based or remotely-sensed data, as well as ground-based or *in situ* data. Coordinated and open Earth observations enable decision makers around the world to better understand the issues they face, in order to shape more effective policies.

What does GEO offer?

In addition to over 70 Work Programme activities and initiatives that address global needs, coordination and knowledge gaps, the GEO community is building the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) and has already made more than 400 million data and information resources accessible via www.geoportal.org.

GEO Milestones and History

THIRD EARTH OBSERVATION SUMMIT (EOS-III): This summit convened on 16 February 2005 in Brussels, Belgium. In a resolution, delegations from almost 60 countries endorsed the 2005-2015 GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan and established the intergovernmental GEO to implement it.

SECOND EARTH OBSERVATION SUMMIT (EOS-II): Convened on 24 April 2004 in Tokyo, Japan, this Summit of 40 governments adopted a Framework Document defining the scope and intent of the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

FIRST EARTH OBSERVATION SUMMIT (EOS-I): meeting on 31 July 2003 in Washington, DC, US, high-level representatives of 34 governments adopted a declaration establishing the ad hoc intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (ad hoc GEO), co-chaired by the European Commission, Japan, South Africa and the US to draft a 10-Year Implementation Plan.

WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WSSD): Held from 26 August to 4 September 2002 in Johannesburg, South Africa, the WSSD highlighted the need for coordinated observations relating to the state of the Earth.

Earth Observations for the Benefit of Humankind

The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) is an intergovernmental organization working to improve the availability, access and use of Earth observations for the benefit of society. GEO works to actively improve and coordinate global EO systems and promote broad, open data sharing.

Our Community

GEO's 105 Member Countries and 132 Participating Organizations work together to develop and implement projects and initiatives that solve global problems.

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Our Activities

Explore the GEO Work Programme to learn about the vast and varied Flagships, Initiatives and Community Activities being implemented by the GEO Community around the world.

GEO Work Programme / GEOSS / Open Data Advocacy

Our Engagement Priorities

GEO's global priorities include supporting the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Climate Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.



UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Earth observations play a major role in achieving the SDGs. GEO is instrumental in integrating Earth observation data into the methodology of measuring and achieving SDG indicators.

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The Paris Climate Agreement

GEO makes available Earth observations in support of effective policy responses for climate change adaptation and mitigation, working with partners to enhance global observation systems in order to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards.

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The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

Earth observations contribute to disaster preparedness and better mitigation and response. GEO supports disaster resilience by increasing coordination of Earth observations to forecast and prepare for disasters, to reduce damage and to better manage and recover from disasters.

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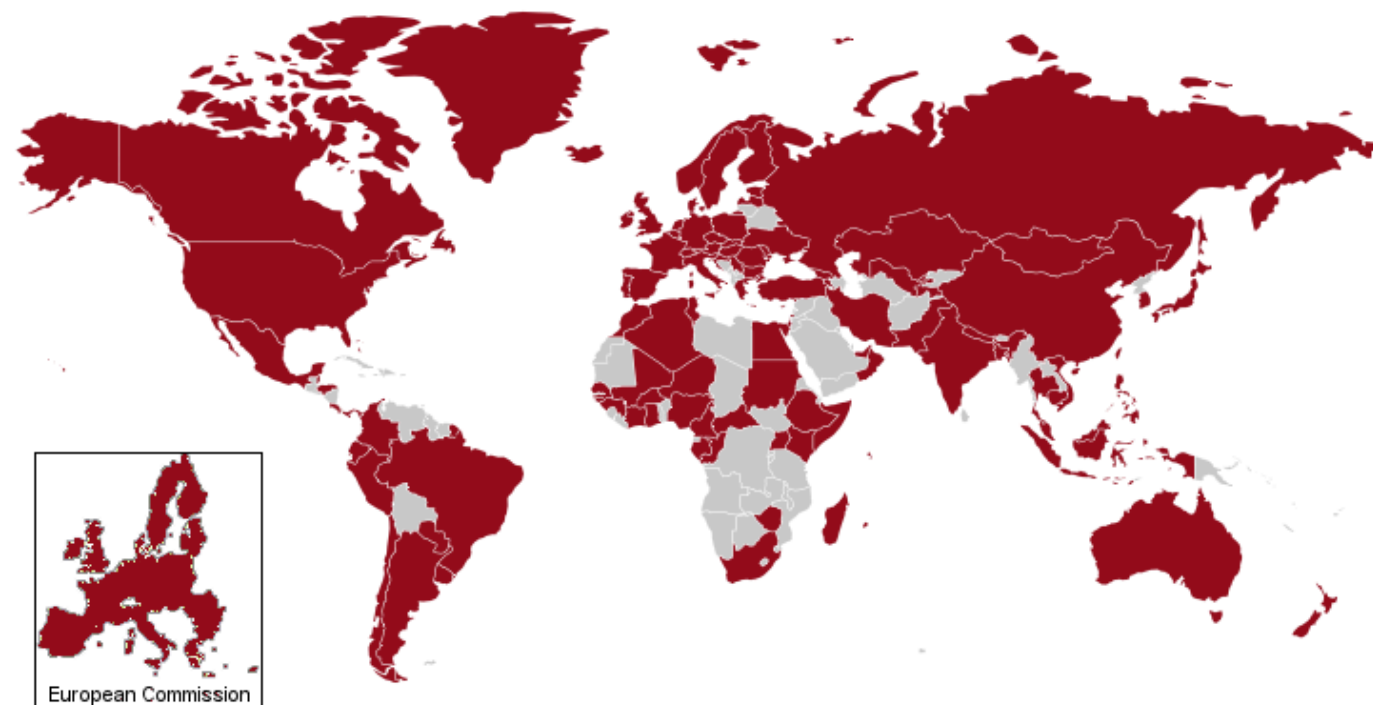
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GEO Member Map for the year 2017

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Number of Members (2017)

Africa: 27

Americas: 16

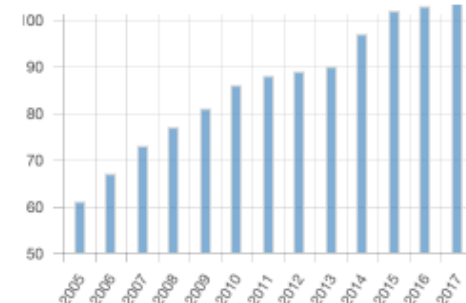
Asia/Oceania: 21

C.I.S.: 6

Europe: 35

Total: 105

Number of Members by year



2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Participating Organizations: 132



GEO Work Programme

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GEO Flagships

GEO Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON)	GEO Global Agricultural Monitoring (GEOGLAM)	Global Forest Observation Initiative (GFOI)	Global Observation System for Mercury (GOS4M)
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GEO Initiatives

AfriGEOSS: Reinforcing Regional African Engagement	AmeriGEOSS	AquaWatch	Asia-Oceania GEO (AOGEO)	Climate Change Impact Observation On Africa's Coastal Zones (GEO-CCIOoACZ)	Data Access for Risk Management (GEO-DARMA)
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GEOSS Development and GCI Operations			Community Development	Secretariat Operations	
Advancing GEOSS Data Sharing Principles	GCI Operations	GEONETCast	Capacity Building Coordination	Communication and Engagement	Management and Support
GEOSS In-Situ Earth Observation Resources	GEOSS Satellite Earth Observation Resources	User Needs and Gap Analysis		Monitoring and Evaluation	

Community Activities

Access to climate data in GEOSS	Earth Observations for Geohazards, Land Degradation and Environmental Monitoring	Global Marine Ecosystem Monitoring (GMEM)
Advancing Communication Networks	Earth Observations for Health (EO4HEALTH)	Global Wheat Pest and Disease Habitat Monitoring and Risk Forecasting
African Geochemical Baselines	Earth Observations for Managing Mineral Resources	Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Early Warning System
Airnow International: Expanding Networks and Integrating Methods for Air Quality and Health Data	Earth Observations for the Water-Energy-Food (W-E-F) Nexus	Himalayan GEOSS
Arctic GEOSS	Earth2Observe	In-Situ Observations and Practices for the Water Cycle
Chinese Tsunami Mitigation System	Forest Biodiversity in Asia and the Pacific Region: Capacity Building Phase	Integrated City-Region Systems Modelling: resilience.io
Copernicus Atmospheric Monitoring Service (CAMS)	Geodata for Agriculture and Water (G4AW)	Land Cover and Land Cover Change
Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S)	GFCS - GEO Collaboration	Research Data Science Summer Schools
Data Analysis and Integration System (DIAS)	Global Agricultural Drought Monitoring	Socio-Economic Benefits of Earth Observations
Digital GEOMUSEUM	Global Ecosystems and Environment Observation Analysis Report Cooperation (GEOARC)	Space and Security
Earth Observations and Citizen Science	Global Flood Awareness System (GLOFAS)	Synergized Multi-Source Remote Sensing Products and Services
Earth Observations for Cultural Heritage Documentation	Global Flood Risk Monitoring	TIGGE (Thorpex Interactive Grand Global Ensemble) evolution into a Global Interactive Forecast System (GIFS)
Earth Observations for Disaster Risk Management	Global Mangrove Monitoring	

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The AmeriGEOSS initiative is a framework that seeks to promote collaboration and coordination among the GEO members in the American continent, "to realize a future wherein decisions and actions, for the benefit of the region, are informed by coordinated, comprehensive and sustained Earth observations and information". The proposed initiative focuses its efforts in the four Societal Benefit Areas (SBA's) selected and prioritized by the Americas Caucus country-members, which are:



1. Agriculture, associated with climate variability, climate change, and food security.
2. Disaster risk reduction, particularly for data exchange associated with early warnings and for the generation of regional products of early warnings.
3. Water, associated with the management approach of water resources and data management.
4. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Monitoring including biodiversity observation in coastal, marine, and continental habitats, in the context of capacity building for better monitoring, management, and maintenance of ecosystems and biodiversity they support; also to predict future changes.

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Approach

Some GEO flagships are already addressing the AmeriGEOSS priority areas. The first approach will be to engage with the GEO flagships and their end user communities that are from member countries in the region. From there, the initiative seeks to strengthen the engagement of other Americas countries, and to work with the flagships to tailor their work to address regional needs. Regional needs will be brought to the initiative through the management coordination groups of AmeriGEOSS. In particular, unaddressed needs from developing countries will be prioritized. In each case, the decision-making processes being addressed in the flagships will be tailored to meet the needs of the decision-makers in each of the Americas nations.

Capacity Building In AmeriGEOSS

- Linked to the AmeriGEOSS priority Areas : Water, Disaster, Agriculture, and Ecosystem/Biodiversity
- Leverages resources from established Capacity Building activities (e.g., GeonetCast/Vlab, NASA-ARSET, GEOGLAM, etc)
- Leverages resources from GEO-CIEHLYC members for outreach and instruction (workshops and monthly webinars)
- AmeriGEOSS week, training/courses are provided in parallel for the priority areas.

There are currently 16 Americas Caucus Member countries:

Argentina



Bahamas



Belize



Brazil



Canada



Chile



Colombia



Costa Rica



Ecuador



Honduras



Mexico



Panama



Paraguay



Peru



United States



Uruguay



- Participating organizations include Sistema e la Integracion Centroamerica's Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD), CATHALAC, CEOS, others

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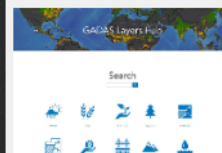
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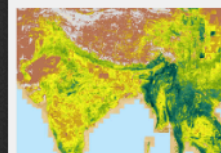
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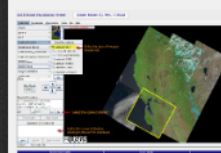
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About GEOSS

A central part of GEO's Mission is to build the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS). GEOSS is a set of coordinated, independent Earth observation, information and processing systems that interact and provide access to diverse information for a broad range of users in both public and private sectors. GEOSS links these systems to strengthen the monitoring of the state of the Earth. It facilitates the sharing of environmental data and information collected from the large array of observing systems contributed by countries and organizations within GEO. Further, GEOSS ensures that these data are accessible, of identified quality and provenance, and interoperable to support the development of tools and the delivery of information services. Thus, GEOSS increases our understanding of Earth processes and enhances predictive capabilities that underpin sound decision-making: it provides access to data, information and knowledge to a wide variety of users.

This 'system of systems', through its GEOSS Platform (former GCI), proactively links together existing and planned observing systems around the world and support the need for the development of new systems where gaps currently exist. It will promote common technical standards so that data from the thousands of different instruments can be combined into coherent data sets.

The '[GEOSS Portal](#)' offers a single Internet access point for users seeking data, imagery and analytical software packages relevant to all parts of the globe. It connects users to existing data bases and portals and provides reliable, up-to-date and user friendly information – vital for the work of decision makers, planners and emergency managers.





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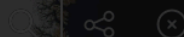
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GEO is a unique global network connecting government institutions, academic and research institutions, data providers, businesses, engineers, scientists and experts to create innovative solutions to global challenges at a time of exponential data growth, human development and climate change that transcend national and disciplinary boundaries. The unprecedented global collaboration of experts helps identify gaps and reduce duplication in the areas of sustainable development and sound environmental management.

Together, the GEO community is creating a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to better integrate observing systems and share data by connecting existing infrastructures using common standards. There are more than 400 million open data resources in GEOSS from more than 150 national and regional providers such as NASA and ESA; international organizations such as WMO and the commercial sector such as Digital Globe.

Ministers of the GEO member governments meet periodically to provide the political mandate and overall strategic direction for GEO. The Mexico City Ministerial Declaration from the GEO Ministerial Meeting in 2015 saw world leaders commit to support open Earth observation data for the next decade.

Full and open access to Earth observation data, information and knowledge is crucial for humanity as it faces unprecedented social, economic and environmental challenges.

[Mexico City Ministerial Declaration, November 2015](#)

The GEO Plenary is the highest decision-making body of GEO, composed of Principals at the senior-official level of government, or their Alternates, representing GEO Member governments and Participating Organizations. Plenary meetings are held once a year and decisions are taken through consensus.

