

5th meeting of the CEOS Space Data Coordination Group for GFOI

24th - 26th February 2014 - ESA/ESRIN, Frascati, Italy

The 5th SDCG meeting is an important milestone in the development of the space data strategy for GEO's Global Forest Observations Initiative. With the Global Baseline Acquisition Strategy confirmed at SIT-28, the minimum information required for all countries to participate in GFOI and in emissions reductions measures related to deforestation has been assured. The SDCG is now focused on the development of a set of Space Data Services for GFOI participating countries - tailored to meeting the needs of countries on the path towards development of national forest information systems and carbon accounting for forests. The SDCG Co-Chairs encourage all CEOS agencies with a stake in the provision of data in support of GFOI to ensure their representation at SDCG-4 and to help maintain the momentum of the SDCG in pioneering effective coordination of data acquisition and supply for this flagship programme of GEO.

SDCG-5 will:

- confirm progress in implementing the global baseline;
- confirm the GFOI Space Data Services definition to be presented for endorsement by CEOS agencies at SIT-29;
- confirm final schedule & responsibilities for delivery of the strategy;
- define a way forward on the implementation of the strategy;
- seek feedback from pilot countries and key partners like FAO;
- review procedures for managing non-core data stream requests and activity;
- consider synergies with the Methods and Guidance documentation; and
- review the impact of key overlaps between GFOI and GEOGLAM.

SDCG-5 is relevant to agencies providing core GFOI data streams (USGS/NASA, ESA/EU, INPE/CRESDA, CSA) and to those providing contributing data streams (JAXA, CONAE, DLR, CNES, ASI and others).

SDCG-5 is scheduled immediately prior to a CEOS-GEOGLAM Co-Community meeting - at the same venue. Participants may use the same accommodation arrangements.

