




**Global Forest
Observations Initiative**

**GFOI Phase 2 and
GFOI Priorities 2018/19**

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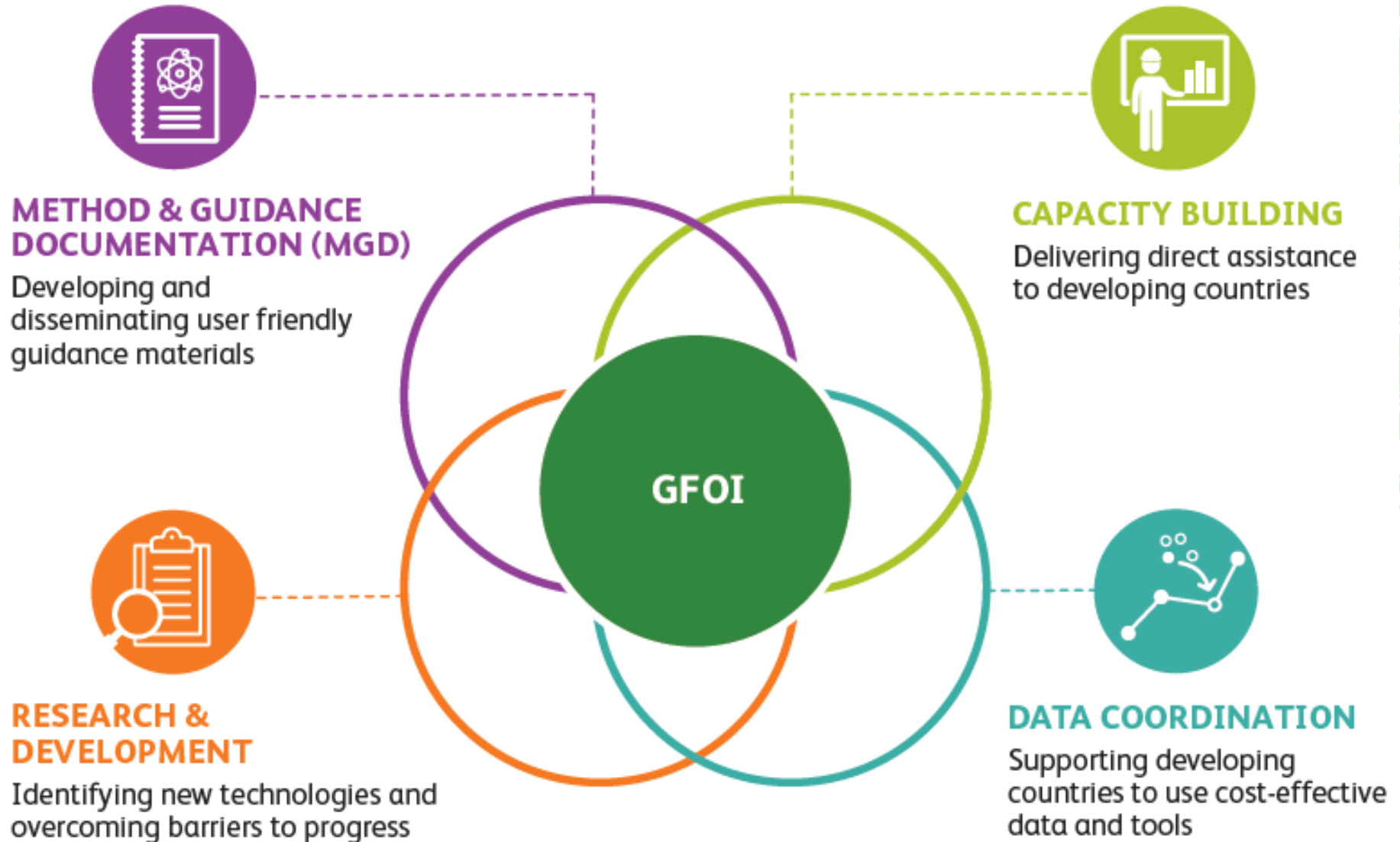
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- Founded under Group on Earth Observations (GEO) in 2011
- Lead partners: initially Australia, CEOS, FAO, Norway, USA
recently joint: UK, the World Bank and ESA
- Current Chair of Leads: Anthony Benny (Australia)
- Many other contributor including UNFCCC, IPCC, universities,
technical and policy experts.
- Open to new partners.

- Provide REDD+ countries with a **larger and more targeted package of support** than any one international partner can provide alone
- Enable **consistency or complementarity** in support
- Ensure support is **targeted at country needs** to help accelerate progress towards reporting and action
- Foster a **network of experts** to help address challenges and bottlenecks to progress
- Facilitate **exchanges resources, comparative advantages, south-south collaboration** and enable learning between partners
- **Avoid overlaps and duplication** of effort by developing countries and international partners.

FOUR GFOI COMPONENTS



1. Establish a common approach to **country needs assessments**
2. Target international support to meet priority needs, through **collaborative work planning** that utilizes comparative advantages, etc
3. Develop an **inventory of GFOI partners' activities** globally, and make this publically available
4. Continue to align forest monitoring activities **with reporting** forums
5. Establish the new **Data Component** to coordinate the *availability, accessibility and capacity to use data and tools*
6. Facilitate **expert meetings** to address obstacles to progress
7. Continue to **foster the network of international partners**

Targeted at priority country needs!

- New home in the **Data Component**
- **Baseline acquisition** with medium resolution satellites appreciated and expected to continue
 - ➔ integration of upcoming missions in baseline scenario
- **Data Services** related to country needs
“*availability, accessibility and capacity to use data and related tools*”
 - ➔ Data Cubes, Cloud Platforms, ARD
- **Early Warning** as a new GFOI activity
 - ➔ current user need assessment under lead of WRI
- Move to **dedicated and funded R&D activities** clearly addressing country needs and operational obstacles