

From CEOS co-leads of the Ad-hoc team on SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

10th February 2017

Invitation: CEOS meeting on SDGs in Washington DC, on Thursday 9th March

Dear Sir, Madam,

We are delighted to invite you, or your nominated colleague, to a one-day meeting in Washington DC, hosted at the Embassy of Australia, on Thursday 9th of March 2017.

Space-based earth observations can provide critical data for use in official statistics that can also help monitor many of the indicators and metrics associated with the UN SDGs. The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) and the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS), strongly support the use, where possible, of Earth observation data to help advance the 2030 Agenda for the benefit of society.

Recognizing the importance of this new Agenda, CEOS, the “space arm” of GEO, resolved to establish a dedicated team with representatives of several space agencies. The goal of the activity is to promote the use of EO technologies in support the GEO initiative now called “Earth Observation for Sustainable Development Goals” (EO4SDGs), and to identify where satellite information can be useful to monitor and track progress by countries against key indicators, targets and goals of the 2030 Agenda.



The CEOS SDG AHT would like to invite you to a networking and information meeting to be held in Washington, in order to:

- Learn more about CEOS and GEO, and our activities on the SDG Agenda 2030.
- Present your organisations’ views and/or projects related to SDGs (TBC)

At the end of the day, the objective is to **discuss and identify potential collaborations around Earth observations in support achieving the UN 2030 Agenda.**

It would be much appreciated if you could confirm your availability, or that of your colleague, as soon as possible (latest by 25th February).

We look forward to meeting you in Washington DC,

CEOS SDG AHT co-leads

Main contacts for RSVP:

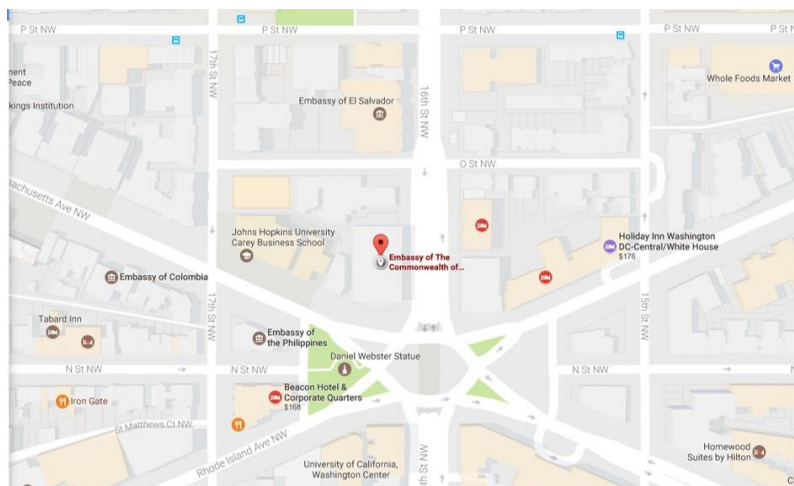
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VENUE LOCATION

Embassy of Australia: 1601 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036, USA

PLEASE BRING AN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT TO BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER THE BUILDING



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[Kimpton Rouge Hotel](#)

[Courtyard by Marriott Washington Embassy Row](#)

[Beacon Hotel & Corporate Quarters](#)

TENTATIVE AGENDA (TBC)

Thursday 9th March 2017

08:30 - 09:00	Participants arrival – registration	
09:00 - 09:15	Opening remarks + brief current status of SDGs	A. Held (CSIRO) & MJ. Bourassa (CSA), both co-leads
09:15 – 09:30	GEO and SDGs (current status, plans) + latest information on SDGs and processes (from the UNSC meeting in NYC same week)	GEO (and others TBC)
09:30 – 09:50	CEOS and SDGs (current status, plans)	A. Held (CSIRO) & MJ. Bourassa (CSA),
09:50 – 10:10	Q & A	
10:10 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 13:00	External presentations (TBC): UNGGIM, UNCCD, World Bank, GPSDGs, etc.	TBC
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	External presentations to be continued (if necessary)	TBC
14:30 – 15:30	Panel discussion: - potential collaborations with GEO/CEOS ?	All (moderators TBC)
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 16:45	Panel discussion: - suggestion of specific activity to be undertaken by GEO/CEOS - future activities	All (moderators TBC)
16:45-17:00	Closing remarks	