



29th Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) Plenary

5-6 November 2015, Kyoto, Japan

At its 29th Plenary meeting, Chaired by JAXA in Kyoto, Japan on the 5th and 6th of November, 2015, CEOS endorsed its position on the next decade of GEO and the future of the CEOS-GEO relationship.

The 29th CEOS Plenary emphasized that CEOS **values** the unique convening power of GEO among Members, Participating Organizations and Observers.

In order to extract maximum value from space observations contributed by CEOS Agencies, the 29th CEOS Plenary **recommended** that GEO focus its efforts in the next decade to:

- systematically define and prioritize requirements for each Societal Benefit Area;
- improve integration of space and in-situ data, noting the need for ongoing development of the space segment of the GEOSS;
- mobilize resources from development banks, international finance institutions and philanthropic organizations in support of GEO objectives;
- deliver impact into major global and regional agendas; and
- develop stronger and more explicit links with United Nations institutions.

The 29th CEOS Plenary expressed its **support** for a foundational 'space task' in the 2016 and future GEO Work Programmes, noting the long-term efforts of CEOS Agencies through the CEOS Virtual Constellations and Working Groups to implement the space segment of the GEOSS.

The 29th CEOS Plenary **emphasized** the unique value of Participating Organizations in the governance and leadership of GEO, through their participation in the proposed GEO Programme Board and the GEO Executive Committee. The 29th CEOS Plenary therefore **recommended** that the revised GEO Rules of Procedure ensure that:

- Programme Board composition reflect the full breadth of competence and responsibilities of GEO contributors and stakeholders.
- Representation at both ExCom and Programme Board, should recognise and reflect the distinct roles of each body.
- POs are able to adopt suitable internal processes to ensure appropriate and flexible representation at each body.

In recognition of the sustained scale and scope of CEOS Agency resources and contributions to GEO, the 29th CEOS Plenary **resolved** that CEOS shall propose to:

- Serve among the Participating Organizations at the GEO Programme Board; and
- Subsequently, participate as an Observer to the GEO Executive Committee.