

Statement Reporting on Progress by the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) and Coordination Group for Meteorological Satellites (CGMS) on Coordinated Response to UNFCCC Needs for Global Observations

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The United States of America, on behalf of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS), is pleased to update the 45th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) on the coordinated response to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) needs for global observations being implemented by CEOS and the Coordination Group for Meteorological Satellites (CGMS) Working Group on Climate. CEOS and CGMS, international organizations of 60 Members and Associates and 15 Members, respectively, have had the honor to report on space agency activities to the UNFCCC on several previous occasions.

At the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC in 2015, at its 43rd session, the SBSTA noted the joint report of CEOS-CGMS on progress made by the space agencies providing global observations on their coordinated response to relevant needs of the Convention. It also urged relevant organizations to provide input and contribute to the review of the 2016 Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Implementation Plan.

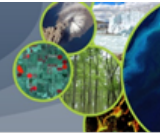
Space agencies continue to evolve their systematic observation of the climate system, strengthening scientific knowledge on climate and supporting provision of knowledge-based information to climate services and to support decision making. Space agencies are doing this by implementing the *Strategy Towards an Architecture for Climate Monitoring from Space, 2013* – developed by a team comprised of representatives from CEOS, CGMS, and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). This architecture involves the identification of existing and potential future gaps in the provision of the climate data requested by GCOS. This effort includes coordination and optimization of the planning of future satellite missions and constellations, as well as activities to improve delivery of climate data.

Space agencies recognize that high quality greenhouse gas information will be essential to track progress toward the achievement of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and for stocktaking. Space agencies are considering how their data collection efforts can provide key greenhouse gas information for the Paris Agreement. Space agencies acknowledge the need to integrate satellite and in-situ Earth observations with advanced data assimilation techniques to improve techniques to quantify GHG sources and sinks at various scales. Implementation of the comprehensive CEOS *Strategy for Carbon Observations from Space* is guiding these efforts.

Space Agencies are further exploring avenues for countries to access and utilize satellite data to support adaptation and mitigation measures. This includes the implementation of the United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation or REDD+.

As requested by SBSTA, CEOS and CGMS have actively supported the preparation of the GCOS 2016 Implementation Plan. CEOS and CGMS have commenced planning to prepare a comprehensive space agency response to the updated GCOS IP by the end of 2017, and will provide a status update to future SBSTA meetings, as invited by SBSTA.

* This report was delivered by the United States of America as the CEOS Chair country.



CEOS Mission Statement

CEOS ensures international coordination of civil space-based Earth observation programs and promotes exchange of data to optimize societal benefit and inform decision making for securing a prosperous and sustainable future for humankind.

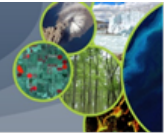
CEOS Agencies (CGMS Agencies are asterisked)

Agencia Espacial Mexicana (AEM), Mexico	(IOCCG)
Agence Gabonaise d'Études et d'Observations Spatiales (AGEOS), Gabon	International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)
Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (ASI), Italy	MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology)/Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)*
Agensi Angkasa Negara (ANGKASA), Malaysia	Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI)
Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA)*
Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO)	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), USA*
Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation (CCMEO)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), USA*
Canadian Space Agency (CSA)	National Remote Sensing Center of China (NRSCC)
Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES), France*	National Satellite Meteorological Center/China Meteorological Administration (NSMC/CMA)*
Centro para Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial (CDTI), Spain	National Space Agency of Ukraine (NSAU)
China Center for Resources Satellite Data and Applications (CRESDA)	National Space Research Agency of Nigeria (NASRDA)
Chinese Academy of Space Technology (CAST)	Netherlands Space Office (NSO)
Comisión Nacional de Actividades Espaciales (CONAE), Argentina	Norwegian Space Centre (NSC)
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia	Russian Federal Space Agency (ROSCOSMOS)*
Crown Research Institute (CRI), New Zealand	Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring (ROSHYDROMET)*
Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) South Africa	Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBITAK-Uzay)
Deutsches Zentrum für Luft-und Raumfahrt (DLR), Germany	South African National Space Agency (SANSA)
Earth System Science Organisation (ESSO), India	Swedish National Space Board (SNSB)
European Commission (EC)	United Kingdom Space Agency (UKSA)
European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)*	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
European Space Agency (ESA)*	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA), Thailand	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Geoscience Australia (GA)	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)	United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS)	United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)	Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)
Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTOS)	World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)*	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)*
Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais (INPE), Brazil	
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)*	
International Council for Science (ICSU)	
International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP)	
International Ocean Colour Coordinating Group	

*Denotes CGMS Agencies. In addition, China National Space Administration (CNSA), India Meteorological Department (IMD), and Japan



Committee on Earth Observation Satellites



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