



## Joint CEOS and Oceania Geospatial Symposium (OGS) Special Session 2022 CEOS Plenary

December 1st (8 am, Biarritz - 6 pm, Noumea, New Caledonia)

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08:00 – 09:00

- Demonstration of CEOS activities applicable to Oceania and the Pacific Islands
- CEOS & GEO Collaboration
- Communication of needs from Oceania Geospatial Symposium (OGS) members
- Understanding observation requirements and user structures in Oceania and the Pacific Islands
- UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Special Session Dedicated Webex: <https://ceos.my.webex.com/meet/ceoswebex2>

- One-hour *Special session* before CEOS Plenary Day 2 starts
- Awareness & stakeholders' engagement in support of GEO's priorities and global agendas
- Open and accessible on Webex to all OGS and CEOS Plenary participants

### Why is this session being organised?

- The CEOS Plenary (Biarritz) and the [Oceania Geospatial Symposium](#) (OGS) in New Caledonia (Noumea) are held during the same week
- Both events are strongly supported by CNES (CEOS Chair 2022), with GEO as a cornerstone.
- Global strategic context with increased focus on the Indo-Pacific region,
- An opportunity to directly connect international satellite data providers to a regional stakeholders and users' community with specific needs, to exchange visions and agree on pathways to increase EO data uptake to improve decision making and peoples' lives.

As a co-lead of the GEO Pacific Islands Advisory Group (PIAG), Australia (CSIRO together with Geoscience Australia) has been supporting the OGS planning. The event includes a [GEO Track Day](#) (December 1st) co-organised by GEO SEC and other GEO PIAG co-leads (France, China, USA) which will be concluded by this joint CEOS/OGS session.

Yana Gevorgyan (GEO SEC Director) will attend the OGS in person to discuss with representatives and end-users from the Pacific Islands, Countries and Territories (PICTs) to improve GEO's understanding of the region's landscapes, assets and needs in terms of EO data, and will contribute to this session.

Building on ongoing efforts to increase engagement between PICTs and the global community (GEO and CEOS), this session primarily aims to:

- Connect and better understand stakeholders' landscape to improve coordination on EO activities
  - Hear about application cases and their impacts using CEOS datasets, and EO needs, and observation gaps, from the PICTs
  - Demonstrate existing activities over the Pacific
- Agree on clear collaboration pathways to increase EO data uptake in the region

Planning this special session with external partners has been a cross-cutting activity: suggested by OGS (initial discussions were held in July with CNES, as CEOS Chair and OGS co-organizer, and GEO PIAG including CSIRO), this event has been co-designed by OGS, CEOS Chair, SIT Chair and CEO who have been working closely with other CEOS bodies including the SEO. We aim to deliver a "CEOS presentation" as inclusive as possible demonstrating CEOS's existing role and potential collaboration avenues to meet our objectives. Designed as a 'two-way' event, the session, moderated by Jean Massenet (OGS main organiser, New-Caledonia THEIA Regional Animation Network), will include:



Time (Biarritz)	Duration	Topics	Speakers	Purpose
<b>8 am</b>	10'	Welcome & Introduction	GEO SEC (Yana) And CEOS Chair (Selma)	Setting the scene
<b>8:10 am</b>	10'	OGS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GEO's Identified regional priorities incl. Use Cases</li> <li>PICTs specific data needs or observation gaps</li> </ul>	GEO PIAG (TBD: SPC, PGSC, USP, etc.)	Share regional priorities discussed at OGS  Share what is currently being used, and what is missing to meet them
<b>8:25 am</b>	10'	CEOS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization's overview</li> <li>Focus on relevant activities to the PICTs (current and opportunities)</li> </ul>	CEOS: CEO (Marie-Claire) and SEO (Brian, NASA)	Briefly present CEOS, demonstrate its current capabilities in the region, and avenues of potential closer collaboration with Pacific partners
<b>8:40 am</b>	10'	GEO and the PICTs: future plans (GEO Track's conclusions)	GEO SEC (Yana) & PIAG (TBD)	Share GEO Track's outcomes and GEO plans in the region (for info)
<b>8:50 am</b>	10'	Questions & closing remarks	CEOS Chair (CNES), Selma	Open the discussion and foster targeted collaborations