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Dear CEOS Colleagues,

You are cordially invited to attend the next CEOS SIT Technical Workshop, which is being hosted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on September 13-14, 2011 in Arlington, Virginia, close to Washington, D.C. It is our hope that all CEOS action leads will be able to attend this meeting, which will be essential to CEOS progress in the use of Earth observations for societal benefit.

The main objectives of the Workshop will be:

1. Review/discuss the status of relevant CEOS 2011 activities, including modifications based upon SIT-26 outcomes;
2. Present the potential CEOS outcomes that can be demonstrated and/or reported at the GEO Plenary, and, where necessary, in connection with other key stakeholders' meetings (e.g., UN FCCC, UN CBD, G20); and
3. Provide CEOS Agencies with the necessary information to take appropriate decisions at the CEOS Plenary.

Please refer to Appendices for the preliminary agenda, logistical information, and registration form and complete your registration by **Friday, August 26**, 2011. We recommend that you book your hotel accommodations as early as possible to take advantage of the discounted room rate.

The workshop will be held during the same week as the strategic planning session which Stefano Bruzzi, on behalf of the CEOS Chair, has announced for the CEOS Working Group on Education, Training, and Capacity Building. This session will be hosted on Monday afternoon, September 12, by NOAA in the Washington, DC region (Silver Spring, Maryland).



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Yours Sincerely,

Makoto Kajii
Associate Executive Director, JAXA
CEOS SIT Chair 2010 & 2011

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