

GEOSS Data Sharing Principles

The societal benefits of Earth observations cannot be achieved without data sharing.

The following are GEOSS data sharing principles:

- There will be full and open exchange of data, metadata, and products shared within GEOSS, recognizing relevant international instruments and national policies and legislation.**
- All shared data, metadata, and products will be made available with minimum time delay and at minimum cost.**
- All shared data, metadata, and products free of charge or no more than cost of reproduction will be encouraged for research and education.**

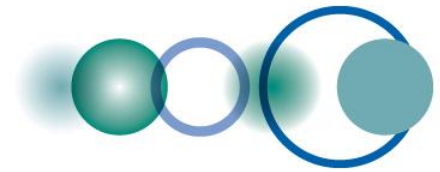
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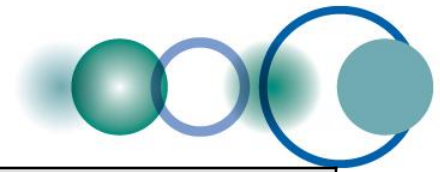
Process for recognition and Acceptance of the Paper by GEO Members and Participating Organisations and Implementation of its elements

- a) Update of White Paper in the light of comments made during and after the
ADC Codata Workshop in Washington in (September) and during GEO IV
Codata side event- (by mid- end January '08) - completed**
- b) Following Announcement at GEO IV, distribution of updated version to ADC
and other GEO Committees with invitation for comments (by 25 January
'08). - completed**
- c) Following receipt of comments by the GEO Committees the paper should
be distributed to GEO Principals with request to have the Paper passed on
within Member Countries and Participating Organisations to their
respective experts for comments (March/April '08).**
- d) Update of the paper following comments by Members and POs. (by July
'08)**

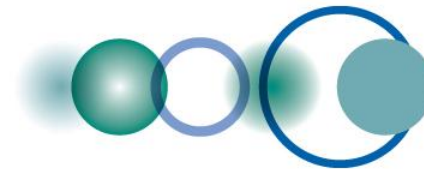


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- e) In parallel the dialogue with experts identified in Members and POs should be started on the compatibility between White Paper guidelines and THEIR current data sharing practices.**
- f) Establishment of an implementation strategy/plan for the guidelines (July '08)**
- g) White paper together with implementation strategy (outcome of dialogue with members and POs) should be prepared for July Executive Committee meeting**
- h) Submission of sharing principles and guidelines with implementation plan to GEO Plenary V for discussion (October '08)**



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