
Status of CSIR Data Democracy Initiative

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Key Objectives

- Support GEOSS implementation
- Improve region access to EO data
- Build partnerships amongst CEOS members to improve data sharing
- Fulfil capacity development and training objectives
- Promote regional cooperation
- Complement existing initiatives

Progress To Date

- Initial testing of the SAC reception facility conducted in November 2007
- CBERS-2B agreement due for May 2008
- Antenna installation at SAC facility due for completion by September 2008
- SADC CBERS-2B workshop planned for July 2008
- Full operational CBERS-2B reception planned for October 2008

Strengthening the Initiative

- Negotiate access to sensors such as:
 - Landsat Earthsat series (1980, 1990, 2000, 2006)
 - Radarsat African mosaic
 - 15m Aster DEM
 - Africover and Glocover landcover products
- Data dissemination - Hard Disk Drives or GEONETCast
- Support from WGEdu for:
 - software tools
 - training initiatives in the region
- Agency members encouraged to support the initiative by enabling access to existing and future datasets

Success Factors

- Development of applications by end user communities
- Increased institutional and human capacity within the region
- Collaboration in regional and global initiatives

Thank You

