

CEOS Chair Opening Remarks

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The Importance of SIT to CEOS

- SIT is the vehicle by which CEOS seeks to bring together the senior representatives of our Members to commit to the responsibilities that we have as a coordination body in delivering the space segment of GEOSS.
- SIT is the hotspot of activity in our delivery process and essential to our success particularly to demonstrate such outcomes to key events.

CEOS Crucial Milestones for 2009 and 2010

First crucial milestone:

- The progress on various individual tasks and candidate threads are highly important in order to push CEOS forward. However, CEOS definitely need big stories with demonstrable outcomes at the 23rd CEOS Plenary.

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Second crucial milestone:

- CEOS has made a considerable effort in connecting with UNFCCC and promoting the capability of our satellites to deliver the information the policymakers need.
- COP-15 in November 2009 is a crucial policy milestone where we can demonstrate our technical capabilities in support of policy formulation and its future verification.

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Third crucial milestone:

- Ministers will demand headline-grabbing evidence that progress is being made on the GEOSS at the GEO ministerial in late 2010 since it is the mid-point of GEOSS 10-year IP.

CEOS to Deliver Outcomes at 2 Key Events

- I urge CEOS participants in this SIT-23 to come together with the common purpose of identifying and achieving the 'demonstrable' items on the space segment.
- We need to ensure that the various subsidiary groups are working in harmony to produce outcomes that we need.

More Focus on Outcomes and Priorities

- At the end of SIT-23, I am looking forward to the indication on which of our current endeavours are most likely to yield the results that GEO and UNFCCC require.
- I would like to make 23rd CEOS Plenary in Thailand in November a more in-depth consideration of a few purposed priorities.

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