



GEO Status Report

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Work Plan Progress Highlights: New Observation Systems, Data and Products, Information Systems & Services





World's Largest Collection of Land Surface Imagery

- LANDSAT (USA)
- CBERS (China, Brazil)
- SPOT (France)
- ALOS (Japan)
- THEOS (Thailand)
- EO-1 (USA)
- IRS (India)
- SAC-C (Argentina)



Mount Redoubt Eruption March 22, 2009, the Alaskan stratovolcano Mount Redoubt





Easy Access via new LSI Portal (CEOS, GOFC-GOLD, USA)

Impact on

- Water management
- Climate modeling
- *Disaster* management
- Crop forecasting
- Pollution monitoring
- Land surface change
- Forests monitoring



Landsat Urban Mapping for Philadelphia, USA





CBERS Receiving Station Operational in South Africa (*Brazil, China, CEOS*)



End-user Training to Improve Disasters, Climate and Health management







Global DEM at 30m resolution available online since 29 June



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Ministry of Economy,
Trade and Industry

Science for a changing world







Access to Long-Records of Global Precipitation (Germany, Japan, USA, CGMS, WCRP)



Section Through Typhoon Paka, 0443Z, 16th December 1997











New Fishery and Aquaculture **Applications - SAFARI** (Canada)



Koeller et al. (2009)





Global Agricultural Monitoring (Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, EC, France, India, Italy, Netherlands, South Africa, USA, ESA, FAO & WMO)





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FAMINE EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS NETWORK





Marine Ecosystem products available in near-real time for Africa, South America, and India (POGO)







Universal Access to "Charter on Space and Disasters" (Algeria, Argentina, Canada, China, France, India, Japan, Nigeria, Turkey, UK, USA, ESA)







World Seismic Information Freely Available at Minimum Time Delay (EC, USA, FDSN, ISC)



GLOBAL SEISMOGRAPHIC NETWORK







Easy Access to Geological Map Data 175 Datasets from 40 Countries (EC, UK)







New Reanalysis Data for Climate Change Detection (Japan, USA, ECMWF, WCRP)



Weather Prediction (T1279, ~15 km) Compared with Satellite Observations

(courtesy of ECMWF)

Satellite Observations Meteosat 9 IR10.8 20080525 0 UTC



Numerical Forecast ECMWF Fc 20080525 00 UTC+0h:





Medium-Range Ensemble Forecasts

Z500 Spaghetti Diagram (5550m)

TIGGE

Initial Time: 20090119

Valid Time: 20090121 12UTC

Prototype **Multi-Model Applications** for Extreme **Event** Prediction (WMO)







Global Carbon Monitoring

GOSAT (JAXA) Launched on 23 January

OCO (NASA) Launch failure





SESEC, Lausanne, November 12. 2009









Free & Easy Access to Water Data TIGER 2nd Phase (CEOS, ESA)

Available Data: ESA (more than 2000 scenes); Radarsat (CSA); ESA 3rd party missions (SPOT 1-4, ALOS)

More Dedicated Datasets for Africa: MERIS Mosaic; Vegetation data; Radarsat Mosaic

Capacity Building: 200 African experts, universities, technical centers, water authorities



One-Stop Shop for Disaster Management From Central America to Africa (USA)





New Health Decision-support Tools to Mitigate Meningitis Outbreaks in Niger & Ethiopia (USA, France, WMO, WHO)



- Meningitis Environmental Risk Information Technologies (MERIT) project ~30 organizations
- Forecasts of Dust and Rainfall used to Plan Vaccination Campaigns
- Decision-support Tools currently tested. Modeling framework under dvpt









New Energy Service for Siting Solar Plants (France, Germany, EC)





First GEO BON Product Identifies Threats to Biodiversity in Africa from 740 Protected Areas (Diversitas, EC, Switzerland, USA, GBIF, UNEP)









GEONETCast Now Fully Operational New Product Navigator and Training & Alert Channels







User Engagement: New Communities of Practice (CoP)







Carbon CoP

Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, UK, USA, CEOS, ESA, GCOS, WCRP & WMO







Integrated Global Water Cycle CoP Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Panama, Portugal, Switzerland, UK, USA, UNESCO, WCRP & WMO







Health and Environment CoP Brazil, EC, France, Senegal, USA, IEEE, UNOOSA, WHO & WMO



Global Emerging Diseases (Morens et al.)





Global Agricultural Monitoring CoP Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, EC, France, India, Italy, Netherlands, South Africa, USA, ESA, FAO & WMO





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GEOSS Common Infrastructure (GCI)









GCI Coordination Team

- The 2009 GEO VI Plenary endorsed the GCI architecture recommended by the IOC TF.
 - single GEO Web Portal (GWP) and a single Clearinghouse (CH)
- The GCI Coordination Team (GCI-CT) has been created to define the selection process and oversee the long-term operations of GCI.
 - GCI-CT Kick-off Meeting, Feb 23-24, 2010.





GCI-CT: Selection of a single CL & GWP

Endorsed by Plenary







GCI-CT: Terms of Reference

Objectives: The GCI-CT is convened:

- to provide guidance on the sustained operation of the integrated GCI and its components in light of known and evolving requirements, whilst adhering to agreed architecture standards and principles;
- to provide recommendations including provisions for resource needs, when appropriate, addressing sustainability and transparency of GCI operations;
- to engage the GEO Members, PO and component providers in assuring sustained and scalable operations of the GCI to realise the full potential of GEOSS;
- to facilitate collection of sufficient resources of documented quality in the GCI.




GCI Selection Process: Testing Phases

- Testing aims at
 - Verifying the implementation of the CSR, CLs and GWPs against Consolidated Requirements → *functional testing*
 - Involving the User Community to evaluate the Usability of the GCI through the use of the GWPs → usability testing
- GCI Testing Teams
 - Brazil (INPE) and European Commission (JRC) volunteer to run the Functional Tests
 - US (EPA) volunteer to run the Usability Tests.





GCI-CT: Action (Work) Plan Item 4

GCI Component Provider Selection Process Based on the selection criteria and the results of the usability and the functional testing:

- GCI-CT will prepare recommendations to approve the operation of single GCI components for each function. *Due end-May 2010*;
- Finalize document to recommend the most-highly qualified provider solutions to Executive Committee.
 Due mid-June 2010.



GEO Portal (ESRI, Compusult, ESA)







Data Sharing Task Force







GEOSS Data Sharing Principles

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

- 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 being free of charge or no more than cost of reproduction will be encouraged for research and education.





DSTF Terms of Reference

• Submit an updated draft of *Implementation Guidelines* for the GEOSS Data Sharing Principles to Plenary 2009.

Accepted by the GEO-VI Plenary

- Promoting implementation of the principle of full and open exchange of data according to GEOSS Data Sharing Principles (DSP).
- Encouraging GEOSS users to reuse and re-disseminate shared data, metadata and products.
- Ensuring consistency in the implementation of the GEOSS DSP with relevant international instruments and national policies and legislation.
- Implement pricing policies consistent with GEOSS DSP.
- Reducing time delays for making data available through GEOSS.
- Promoting research & education uses of GEOSS data, metadata and products.





DSTF Terms of Reference

- Prepare an Action Plan to implement the Data Sharing Principles and to enable the development of working procedures for data sharing within GEOSS.
- **Produce documentation** (including assessments on the actions to be taken; some representative costs and benefits; and, responsibilities for the proposed data sharing processes) to support adoption of the *Implementation Guidelines* and the Action Plan by the 2010 GEO Ministerial Summit.





Issues Not Yet Fully Addressed

• Handling data registered in the GCI with restrictions

- The Implementation Guidelines confirm that:

"GEO welcomes all data contributions into the GEOSS. When registering data in GEOSS, the contributor should present any restrictions arising from relevant international instruments and national policies and legislation, and the duration of each restriction, that is applicable to the exchange of the data, metadata, and products submitted."

- GEO should therefore enable data users to be made aware of any restrictions on data contributed by data providers.
- Some GEO Members state that GEO must ensure that any restrictions are strictly adhered to by users.
- Other Members state that GEO cannot and should not be put in the position of ensuring or policing data provider restrictions. The GCI, however, could send a user back to the data provider to access its data and comply with any restrictions.





Issues Not Yet Fully Addressed

Reuse/re-distribution and data tagging

- Some restrictions on re-distribution, reuse and copying of data are legally derived from copyright.
- In order to "police" any possible infringement of a data provider's IPR / copyrights, should the GEO facilitate or introduce a "data tagging" mechanism into the GCI? And if so, how far should this go and how sophisticated should it be?
- Whilst it is the responsibility of data providers to adopt data tagging if they wish, does GEO become legally responsible if GEO facilitates it, and legally liable for failed tagging?"
- Data tagging may also impact citation and attribution of data sources, a concept the DSTF fully endorses. How would this work?





Issues Not Yet Fully Addressed

- Licenses
 - There is currently no consensus within the DSTF on the use or advantages of licensing.
 - There is consensus that providing metadata information that assigns categories to data and products may be useful, e.g.:
 - Full and open with no restrictions
 - Full and open with attribution requirements
 - Full and open with attribution and non-commercial use requirements
 - Re-distribution restrictions
 - Price above the cost of reproduction and distribution (or marginal cost of fulfilling the user request)
 - Re-distribution restrictions and price above reproduction and distribution
 - If GEO were to facilitate license arrangements between and amongst GEO Members and Pos, would this place GEO in a position of legal responsibility for enforcing these licenses?





Next Steps

- Initial drafts of the Data Sharing Action Plan documents are presented to the GEO Executive Committee, 22-23 March, for review and guidance.
- A full consultation with the GEO Community, including GEO Committees and Task Leads, will take place in May, following the release, by 1 May, of an updated Action Plan and the complete set of Supporting Documents.
- Based upon the feedback from the GEO Community, updated versions of the Action Plan and Supporting Documents will then be prepared for the July meeting of Executive Committee.





GEOSS Monitoring and Evaluation







GEOSS Monitoring and Evaluation

M&E Working Group established to define the framework and to provide oversight of the M&E process

Monitoring is based on existing tools and practices while yearly evaluations will be performed by dedicated teams, one per year, starting from 2010

First evaluation, the mid-term assessment in 2010, is focused on progress on Cape Town Declaration;

Second evaluation will begin transition to a systematic progress evaluation against GEOSS strategic Targets and will include one GEOSS Transverse and one Societal Benefit Area.

Third and subsequent evaluations will start the regular evaluation cycle and will include two or three Transverse and three Societal Benefit Areas per year.





Evaluation Plan for 2010

The Evaluation Team plans to acquire data through different mechanisms:

- Review of various internal (to GEO) and external documents to help guide the midterm evaluation
- Text comparisons of key documents;
- Individual interviews
- A broad web-based survey, directed inside and outside the GEO Community

The mid-term Evaluation Report will be distributed to the Executive Committee meeting, on 15-16 July 2010.





Latest Developments







- New web portal established for "Haiti Supersite". First time that satellite agencies have provided data and products quickly to central data repository accessible by researchers
- Real-time tool developed to update river discharge and support flood forecasting. Pan-African flood early-warning system initiated based on the European Flood Alert System
- Western-Pacific ocean-wave forecasting system developed strengthening operational oceanography in GEOSS. A global seasurface temperature analysis based on 7 satellites was made operational. The Jason-3 programme was approved by EUMETSAT Member States ensuring continuity of the Jason series
- Climate reanalysis dataset spanning the entire 20th century (1891 to 2008) released, including global 4-times-daily atmospheric and surface analysis fields
- Global Phenology Network expanded throughout the world. Plant phenological database developed and phenological forecasts produced for Europe







substates is an initiative of the geomatrix scientific community. The Supervises provide access to spacebornis and in-sud geophysical data of selected sites prone to earthquake, volcano or other hazards. The initiative began with the "Frascati declaration" at the conclusion of the 3rd International Geohazards workshop of the Group of Earth Observation (GEO) held in November 2007 in Frascati, Italy. The recommendation of the workshop was "to stimulate an international and intergovernmental effort to monitor and study selected reference sites by establishing open access to relevant datasets according to GEO principles to foster the collaboration between all various partners and end-users". This







Sang-Hoon Hong, Falk Amelung, Tim Dixon, Shimon Wdowinski, Guoqing Lin, Fernando Greene Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science, University of Miami



PALSAR interferogram (Falk Amelung, Miami Univ)

Synthetic Interferogram (Eric Calais, Purdue Univ)





Coulomb Stress Redistribution



USGS-WHOI-DPRI stress triggering model





- Two operational wildfire information systems contributed to GEOSS: the European Forest Fire Information System and the Global Fire Information for Resource Management System
- Internet tool developed to increase the accuracy of land cover maps. The Geo-Wiki relies on volunteers to review hotspot maps of global land-cover disagreement
- New forest maps developed. First draft of 250m forest cover maps produced and 13 500 samples of Landsat data for 1990, 2000 and 2005 pre-processed.
- Asia-Pacific Biodiversity Observation Network established. Continuous Plankton Recorder Survey contributed as a new GEO BON early product
- Public-private partnership initiated to forecast and mitigate space weather effects on high-voltage power transmission systems.
 Products based on NASA upper-atmospheric observations & models and private decision-support systems





- Data sharing arrangements standardized across 3 GEONETCast Network Centers. Alert GEONETCast Channel developed for several regional broadcasts. Work with the International Charter for Space and Major Disasters helped begin trial transmissions of Charter information over regional broadcasts
- The GEONETCast Product Navigator established as operating online capability.
- ITC GEONETCast toolbox, offering open, direct and real-time access to GEONETCast data, fully functional in several institutions in Europe and African countries
- GEONETCast pilot projects established to foster use and regional distribution of high-impact guidance products. First pilot about expanding receiving station capabilities in Costa Rica to disseminate Central American Flash Flood Guidance products
- Full and open access to Sentinel data approved by the European Space Agency members.





- Climate portal set up to provide a single point-of-entry for climate information, products and services. Includes interactive "climate dashboard" that shows a range of constantly updated climate datasets
- GEO Forest Carbon Tracking Portal launched allowing users to visualize national demonstrators, acquisitions of satellite and in-situ data, and maps and information resulting from data processing
- Prototype online tool developed to measure changes in and around protected areas.
- New regional center for monitoring of tropical forests established in the Amazon region to offer training programs tailored for students from developing countries, especially from Africa.
- MoU signed between the "African Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development" and "Brazilian National Institute for Space Research" – to develop infrastructure and encourage the use of Earth observation data in Africa





Forest Carbon Tracking (Australia, Brazil, Finland, Japan, Norway, USA, EC, FAO, GOFC-GOLD,CEOS)

- demonstrate that coordinated Earth observations (space and in situ measurements linked to forest models can provide reliable information of suitable consistency, accuracy and continuity to support forest carbon Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MARV)
- define an operational information system of systems (observations, processing to relevant forest cover information and information distribution), able to support National level assessments and international agreement





National Demonstrators







Cloud

Cover

Date

2009/05/22 21.3%

GEO FCT Portal allows image query







GEO FCT The Indonesia National Demonstrator



4 VS-Verification Sites

Center coordinates

BOR-1	WUR_E-Kalim/Sabah	NO4.33	E117.01
BOR-2	WUR_SW-Kalimantan	S01.82	E111.61
BOR-3	WUR_SE-Kalimantan	S02.24	E114.41
BOR-4	WUR_C-Kalim/Sarawak	N02.55	E115.08

Radius 20 km





Moderate Resolution Satellite data acquired over Borneo - Summer 2009









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Sensor	Borneo	
ALOS PALSAR	507	
RADARSAT-2	161	
ENVISAT ASAR	acquisition by RADARSAT	
Landsat 5 & 7	173	
CBERS-2B: CCD	N/A	

Scenes acquired June-Sept 2009





Satellite data available over Borneo

Moderate resolution wall to wall

Landsat (1998-2009) ALOS Palsar (2007-2009) Radarsat 2 (2009 + historical data)

High resolution VS

TerraSAR-X (2009) Cosmo-SkyMed (2009) Commercial satellites (2009) LAPAN Archive





GEO FCT Key events for 2010 (1)

- Review of the initial results from 2009 Demonstration, SDS meeting 11-12 May, Woods Hole
- Decision on the inclusion of new National Demonstrator Countries, (priority candidates include Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Peru plus the extension of Indonesian area, adding Sumatra to Borneo) mid-May
- Joint GEO UN-REDD Workshop on MRV Systems, 23-25 June, Guadalajara Mexico





GEO FCT Key events for 2010 (2)

- GEO FCT Information Day, TBD June, Geneva
- Review of the proposal for the detailed planning phase for the global, operational FCT network, 13-14 July, Rome
- Review of the results from 2009 Demonstration, being planned for September/October
- GEO VII and Ministerial Summit, 3-5 November Beijing
- COP16, 29 November-10 December, Mexico





The 4th GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposium Bali, Indonesia, 10-12 March 201

- •Generate synergies and strengthen in situ data gathering coordination and collection on supersites (e.g., the Borneo Island)
- Establish mechanisms for coordinating national and regional inputs into GEOSS
- Request securing access to fundamental datasets such as high-resolution (30 m or better) Digital Elevation Models to all of the FCT task's demonstrator countries
- Further develop the GEO Portal and other community web portals to more effectively disseminate data based on the GEO Data Sharing Principle
- •Provide the free, open and timely dissemination of RAMA (Research Moored Array for African-Asian-Australian Monsoon and Prediction) dataset





Upcoming Major Events







2010 Work Plan Symposium 17-19 May 2010, Pretoria

- First Work Plan Symposium Ever
- Convening Leads of all Work Plan Tasks
- Key Objectives:
 - Foster Work Plan Implementation across and within GEOSS areas
 - Develop recommendations for 2011 Work Plan Update
 - Identify achievements that could be presented at Beijing Ministerial Summit Exhibition
 - Initiate discussions in preparation of GEO 2012-2015 Work
 Plan





GEO Ministerial Summit Beijing, 5 November 2010

- Ministerial Declaration
- Six Showcases
 - Carbon monitoring
 - Health services
 - Geohazards "Supersites"
 - Building Capacity for PEOPLE
 - GEO BON
 - Asian regional showcase
- Bring us your data!
- The GEO-VII Exhibition
- Publication for Ministers





GEO Ministerial Summit Main Themes

- Coordinating/Facilitating access to data and information (GCI, GEONETCast, Data Sharing, Community Portals, ...)
- In-situ observations (e.g., Coordinating Access in Supersites)
- Provision of Information services and decision-support products in Relation to their Political Priorities (Forest Carbon, Food Security, Biodiversity, Water Management, Health)


Thank you!