

41st CEOS Strategic Implementation Team Meeting (SIT-41)

ACTIONS V1.0

SIT-41-01	CEOS Agencies to provide feedback on the CEOS document status and handling framework .	15 May 2026
	<i>Rationale: The document clarifies the different approaches for presenting documents and decisions to CEOS leadership (Principals) and how these are managed afterwards. The document will be integrated into the CEOS Governance and Processes document. A next to final draft will be presented at the 2026 SIT Technical Workshop and be finalised for endorsement at the 2026 CEOS Plenary.</i>	
SIT-41-02	SEO to prepare a near final draft of the DOI Process Paper for discussion at the 2026 SIT Technical Workshop, with a view to endorsement at the 2026 CEOS Plenary.	SIT TW 2026
	<i>Rationale: The document clarifies the technical and governance process for CEOS documentation to receive a DOI. A next to final draft will be presented at the 2026 SIT Technical Workshop and be finalised for endorsement at the 2026 CEOS Plenary.</i>	
SIT-41-03	CEOS Agencies to provide feedback on the draft 2026 CEOS-ARD Strategy .	31 May 2026
	<i>Rationale: The Strategy is organised around six high-level pillars that are intended to remain in place for a number of years. The identification of an initial set of initiatives and tasks that will achieve the strategic outcomes of these pillars will take place between SIT-41 and the 2026 SIT Technical Workshop. To facilitate these technical discussions, CEOS Agencies are asked to confirm the pillars in the Strategy are the correct strategic directions and consider:</i> • <i>Are they actionable enough?</i> • <i>How do the pillars align with national / space agency priorities?</i> • <i>What can agencies and CEOS entities offer to develop and implement them?</i>	
SIT-41-04	CEOS-ARD Oversight Group to engage WGISS on the concept of 'decision ready data' to ensure alignment with the CEOS-ARD Framework.	2026 SIT TW
	<i>Rationale: CEOS-ARD was defined to provide clarity on the meaning of 'analysis-ready'. With the emergence of the phrase 'decision ready data', there is a need to clearly define this and how it differs from / aligns with CEOS-ARD.</i> • <i>Is there a way to incorporate this concept under the CEOS-ARD Framework to prevent divergence?</i> • <i>Should the term 'decision ready data' be phased out in favour of 'decision ready information'?</i>	

	• What should CEOS do in relation to the definition and provision of decision-ready information and who do we need to partner with? • How does CEOS-ARD interface with this concept and support the derivation of decision-ready information? • How does this align with the CEOS-ARD Framework concept of higher level / derived products and specifications.	
SIT-41-05	CEOS Agencies to nominate points of contact to contribute to the SIT Chair's Data Value Chain activity, by emailing nasa-sit-chair-2026-27@googlegroups.com .	31 May 2026
	<i>Rationale: SIT-41 began conversations on updating the existing CEOS Data Value Chain to fit the needs and purposes of the CEOS Agencies and represent CEOS partners/impact areas. The POCs will help develop a new Data Value Chain for presentation at the 2026 SIT Technical Workshop.</i>	
SIT-41-06	CEOS Agencies to submit impact assessment case studies to support the SIT Chair Team Impact Assessment initiative.	31 May 2026
	<i>Rationale: Additional case studies would support the in-depth impact assessment. The analysis will look at the value of EO for resilience and water focused use-cases, in alignment with the SIT Chair priorities. Submit to: "NASA SIT Chair Team 2026-2027" <nasa-sit-chair-2026-27@googlegroups.com>.</i>	
SIT-41-07	SIT Chair Team to facilitate discussions between the WGDisasters subgroup on EW4All, WGCapD/EOTEC DevNet, and WMO to explore opportunities for collaboration.	2026 SIT TW
	<i>Rationale: There are perhaps connections to be made to EOTEC DevNet priorities on flood and drought, as well as opportunities for sharing algorithms/approaches between CEOS and the EW4ALL Satellite Products Dashboard.</i>	
SIT-41-08	CEOS Agencies to nominate members to the new Biodiversity Virtual Constellation.	31 May 2026
	<i>Rationale: CEOS SIT established the Biodiversity Virtual Constellation, following the proposal process outlined in the Virtual Constellation Process Paper.</i>	
SIT-41-09	B-VC to work with the CEOS Chair Team to develop a CEOS statement for UN CBD COP-17.	June 2025
	<i>Rationale: CEOS delivers a statement annually to UNFCCC SBSTA, and it would be good to also showcase the use of EO to the biodiversity policy community. Previous SBSTA statements can be used as a guide for the level and type of content.</i>	

SIT-41-10	SIT Chair Team to work with ICGS-SAR leadership to develop the Full Proposal for a CEOS Synthetic Aperture Radar Virtual Constellation (SAR-VC).	2026 SIT TW
	<i>Rationale: Bringing ICGS-SAR under the CEOS umbrella increases coordination opportunities and reduces overlap.</i>	
SIT-41-11	CEOS Agencies to consider how their activities link to the SIT Chair's Water Planet Best Practices and Guidance Document, and nominate points of contact for the editorial team by emailing nasa-sit-chair-2026-27@googlegroups.com .	31 May 2026
	<i>Rationale: The SIT Chair Team kicked off the writing team at SIT-41 as part of Priority #1: "Water Planet - Seeing Earth's Water From Space." The Team is opening the opportunity for additional CEOS entities to nominate POCs and contribute to the document.</i>	
SIT-41-12	CEOS Agencies to provide feedback to the authors of the CEOS Aquatic Carbon Roadmap, Marie-Helene Rio < Marie-Helene.RIO@esa.int >, Hiroshi Murakami < murakami.hiroshi.eo@jaxa.jp >, and Laura Lorenzoni < laura.Lorenzoni@nasa.gov >, to be delivered two weeks prior to the 2026 SIT Technical Workshop ahead of its submission to the 2026 CEOS Plenary for acknowledgement.	30 June 2026
	<i>Rationale: OCR-VC has drafted the roadmap and now requires input from the broader CEOS community, in particular the agencies and individuals involved with the CEOS GHG and AFOLU Roadmaps to ensure alignment and complementarity.</i>	
SIT-41-13	CEOS Agencies are asked to nominate additional points of contact to contribute to the stocktake of the first five Essential Agriculture Variables (EAVs) being undertaken in the LSI-VC GEOGLAM Subgroup.	31 May 2026
	<i>Rationale: The LSI-GEOGLAM team is aware that there are many more efforts already undertaken by CEOS agencies related to observations and EAV development that should be included in the stocktake. Additional CEOS agencies need to be involved in the LSI-GEOGLAM Subgroup. The CEOS MIM Database and LSI-GEOGLAM team will scope an agriculture portal to present findings of the stocktake.</i>	
SIT-41-14	SIT Chair Team to coordinate a discussion at SIT Technical Workshop 2026 with commercial and non-profit satellite operators to raise awareness of CEOS activities, and understand barriers and opportunities for future engagement.	SIT TW 2026

	<i>Rationale: There are varying levels of engagement with the commercial sector across the Virtual Constellations and Working Groups, and a coordinated discussion around barriers and opportunities would help inform future engagement.</i>	
SIT-41-15	As part of the DOI process paper work, SEO to consider a means for consistently distinguishing (visually) CEOS documents, considering alignment with the needs of the in progress CEOS Document Status and Handling Framework.	SIT TW 2026
	<i>Rationale: It would be helpful to have a simple and flexible standardised branding for CEOS outputs. However, this should not be at the expense of visual variety.</i>	
SIT-41-16	CEOS Agencies to reflect on how their activities/projects link to each of the action areas of the AFOLU Roadmap and provide information and contacts to the LSI-VC Forests and Biomass subgroup leads.	31 May 2026
	<i>Rationale: The intention is to create a public-facing means to more accurately stocktake and communicate CEOS Agency contributions to the AFOLU Roadmap to track progress and facilitate identification of gaps and opportunities. Also need CEOS Agency POCs for the LSI-VC Forests and Biomass subgroup.</i>	

DECISIONS v1.0

DECISION 01	CEOS SIT established the Biodiversity Virtual Constellation (B-VC), and endorsed the B-VC Terms of Reference and Implementation. SIT welcomed ESA, CSA and NASA as co-leads of B-VC.
	<i>Rationale: The Full Proposal, Terms of Reference and Implementation Plan was presented and reviewed by CEOS SIT, in accordance with the Virtual Constellation Process Paper.</i>
DECISION 02	CEOS SIT endorsed the current CEOS GitHub Governance Repository .
	<i>Rationale: Establishes the core licensing and procedures for operation of the CEOS Organisational GitHub. The governance is captured in a GitHub repository and there is potential for this governance to continue evolving over time. If this happens, proposed changes will be brought to future Principal-level meetings for further endorsement.</i>
DECISION 03	CEOS SIT endorsed the 2026-2027 CEOS Communication Strategy.
	<i>Rationale: Provides strategic direction and guidance for the coming two year period, in particular overarching objectives, specific campaigns and stakeholders.</i>
DECISION 04	CEOS SIT acknowledged the receipt of the ICGS-SAR Initial Proposal to become a SAR Virtual Constellation.
	<i>Rationale: ICGS-SAR is a mature and functioning external group that is seeking to be incorporated into CEOS. It has a well defined role, activities, and membership. The SAR-VC has a draft terms of reference and will work to develop a Full Proposal by the 2026 SIT Technical Workshop.</i>
DECISION 05	CEOS SIT endorsed the WGCV Land Product Validation (LPV) Subgroup Land Cover and Change Map Accuracy Assessment and Area Estimation Good Practices Protocol.
	<i>Rationale: The good practices protocol recommends that map accuracy assessments be prioritised, planned, and sufficiently resourced as a core aspect of research projects and products.</i>