**Working Group of Information System and Services (WGISS)**

**Interoperability Liaison (IL)**

**Terms of Reference**

**(Draft)**

**Purpose:**

The Working Group on Information System and Services (WGISS) Interoperability Liaison (IL) assures consistent and effective communications between WGISS and all other CEOS Working Groups, Virtual Constellations and Ad Hoc Groups.

**Organization:**

The WGISS Interoperability Liaison (IL) is a member of the WGISS Executive Committee (WGISS Exec) and reports directly to the WGISS Chair and Vice Chair. The IL will work with the leads and co-leads from the Interest Groups (IG) and Projects (P) to provide an interface to other CEOS Working Groups, Virtual Constellations and Ad Hoc Groups.

**Objectives:**

The objective of the WGISS Interoperability Liaison is to coordinate communications between WGISS and other CEOS Working Groups, Virtual Constellations and Ad Hoc Groups.

The IL will communicate the activities of the WGISS IGs and Ps to other CEOS Working Groups, Virtual Constellations and Ad Hoc Groups. In addition, the IL will communicate back to the WGISS the activities of other CEOS Working Groups, Virtual Constellations and Ad Hoc Groups.

The IL will look for opportunities of collaboration amongst the groups that align with overall goals and objectives of WGISS. When opportunities are discovered, the IL will present these to WGISS Exec for discussion and possible adoption. Upon adoption, these opportunities will be designated for inclusion in existing IGs or Ps or candidates for a new IG or P.

The IL will make recommendations to the WGISS Exec on possible new cross-cutting activities that WGISS can support with other CEOS Working Groups, Virtual Constellations and Ad Hoc Groups.

**Planning Implementation and Reporting:**

The IL will report on status from other CEOS Working Groups, Virtual Constellations and Ad Hoc Groups during the monthly WGISS Exec meetings and during the twice yearly WGISS meetings. As necessary and when appropriate, the IL will attend meetings of other CEOS Working Groups, Virtual Constellations and Ad Hoc Groups to report on WGISS and obtain feedback.