Purpose of the WADC Project:  Facilitate the development, availability, harmonization, and access of data, metadata, and products commonly required across diverse societal benefit areas, including base maps, land-cover data sets, and common socio-economic data from WGISS agencies and to provide inputs to improve the functioning of GEOSS to the appropriate GEO tasks.

The WADC project is focused on the following objectives:

* Harness and focus the WGISS member activities to support GEO Task DA-09-01 (Data, Metadata, and Products Harmonization)  by
	+ Assessment of Current Capabilities – a document produced by the task team that reports on the current state of the practice in providing Earth observation data and services.  The review should include a summary of historic and on-going efforts at standardization/harmonization and the identification of issues or barriers that inhibit the effective discovery and use of EO resources.
	+ Recommendations – based on the initial assessment, the task team shall produce a set of recommended steps that GEO and its members and participation organizations should take in addressing the issues.  The exact contents of the report will be determined by the team but may present a set of guidelines that members should follow.  In conjunction with that, the report should identify a process whereby GEO establishes and maintains such a set of guidelines and the relationship of this process to existing international standards bodies and related organizations.
* Assessment of how WGISS agency metadata and data can be discovered, searched, visualized and accessed – a document produced by the task team that reports on the current state and makes a list of detailed recommendations on how to improve the data discovery, search, visualization, and access mechanisms.  Work with and contribute this assessment to the other GEO tasks (??) and activities contributing to the evaluation and progress of the GEOSS common infrastructure  set of registries and GEO community portals.

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