



GEOSS Architecture for the Use of Satellites for Disaster Management and Risk Assessment GA.4.Disasters

Preliminary Recommendations

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Preliminary recommendations for the use of satellite data in disaster & risk management



- Int'l Charter-like coordination / brokering mechanisms for other phases of the disaster lifecycle
 - Warning
 - Recovery
 - Mitigation
- Allow broader data access / data sharing
- Services infrastructure to streamline access
 - Near-real-time services
 - On-demand, user-customizable products
- Open, well-defined interfaces
 - Data access
 - Data processing / interpretation
 - Predictive modeling
 - Sensor tasking



Preliminary recommendations for the use of satellite data in disaster & risk management



- Different users need different data
 - PDFs and JPEGs
 - Quantitative data grids
- Metadata describing fitness for use is crucial
 - Operational decisions require knowing data quality
 - Can't just filter out all imperfect data
- Collaboration, not just dissemination
 - Providers, co-analysts, end users not always disjoint sets
- Frequent, high-resolution satellite observations
- Others?







- Project Overview: GA.4.Disasters GEOSS Architecture for the Use of Satellites for Disaster Management and Risk Assessment
- GEOSS AIP-5 contributions and outcomes
- Findings from the July ESA forum on Understanding Risk with Earth observation
- GA.4.Disasters Architecture status
- Case Study findings
- Preliminary recommendations
- Next Steps

