

Notes of WGISS-33 CEOS Water Portal project Session

1. Atsushi KAWAI (JAXA) gave a presentation with an emphasis on status updates since the last WGISS meeting. The updates include a new feature enabling user feedback registration/search, newly introduced datasets (GRACE, FLUXNET), and 5-year milestone.
2. Following questions were asked and answered.
 - (1) In the slides, there is a table of data partners and some of them are colored yellow in the background. What does the color indicate? Also, why does it specified “Canada” for server location of GEMS/Water ? (Thomas Bleeker/NSO)
 - The yellow indicates they are planned and not accessible yet.
And it is labeled “Canada” as the server that holds GEMS/Water data IS located in Canada. (JAXA Water Portal Team)
 - (2) Does the portal provide access to actual data? Also, what is the user authentication for ? (Brian Killough/CEOS SEO)
 - Yes, the portal does provide seamless access to data. The user registration and authentication is implemented to keep track of users access. A total new user registration capability that can handle data center specific requirement is planned to be in place in the coming years. (JAXA Water Portal Team)
 - (3) Based on the recommendations from the portal study results, I’ll test out the water portal and give you the feedback on that. (Brian Killough/CEOS SEO)
 - Thank you. (JAXA Water Portal Team)
 - (4) What does the “Operational System” mean in the milestone? (Wyn/UKSA)
 - The portal is now in a prototyping phase and it is supposed to be handed over to an organization for the “operation”. (JAXA Water Portal Team)
 - (5) Are the target users of the portal scientists? (Wyn/UKSA)
 - We are targeting users that are not just scientists but also users in more general. But currently, and in actuality, the scientists are the main users. (JAXA Water Portal Team)
 - (6) It can be a good input for QA4EO as they are also trying to work out the proper way to deal with satellite data and insitu data in parallel. (Wyn/UKSA)
 - Could be, in the future. (JAXA Water Portal Team)