



Towards a New Science and Technology to Consolidate DRR and Sustainable Development

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GEO Objectives

- Improve and coordinate observation systems globally
- Advance broad open data policies/practices
- Foster increased use of Earth observation data and information
- Build capacity





A Global, Coordinated, Comprehensive and Sustained System of Observing Systems









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Number of Members (2014)

Total:	96
Africa:	24
Americas:	14
sia/Oceania:	17
C.I.S.:	7
Europe:	34

Number of Members by year





89 Participating Organizations







UN Agencies/Treaties and Conventions



- Value to GEO: Utilize EO to achieve environmental mandates; increase political support for EO/GEO
- Value to UN organizations: Improve efficiency and effectiveness of measurement, monitoring and evaluation for international treaties and conventions





International Scientific Organizations



- Value to GEO: Leverage expertise and capacity to deliver on GEO's mission
- Value to Organizations: enable political support and continuity of observing systems to support scientific research and advancement; incorporate richer data assets to more effectively achieve organization objectives





Intergovernmental Organizations



- Value to GEO: Leverage expertise and capacity to deliver on GEO's mission
- Value to Organizations: Provide cross—sectoral observing system coordination; Incorporate richer data assets to more effectively achieve organization objectives





International Development Banks



- Value to GEO: Leverage expertise and capacity to deliver on GEO's mission; potential funding for GEO projects
- Value to IDBs: Utilize EO to select, monitor and evaluate incountry loan projects





Towards the Post-2015 Framework for DRR







GEO Regional Stakeholders







GEO's Role in Development of Framework for DRR

- Observer status
- Regional Platforms and Ministerial Meetings
- CEOS WCDRR Task Team (WTT) led by JAXA
- Preparatory and Open-Ended Informal Consultative Meetings (Geneva)
- Informal working group on Targets
- Text supporting the role of EO for DRR
- Concept note with 17 co-organizers, including FAO, ADRC, GFDRR, MEXT, JAXA, DLR, Tohoku University
- WCDRR Working Session on Earth Observations (Innovation and High-Technology to Reduce Risks)
- Working Session n. 30 on ""Measuring and Reporting Progress"





GEO and SDGs: Tokyo Statement

"The participants of the 7th Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) Asia-Pacific Symposium, hosted by the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) [...] welcome the emerging initiative, led jointly by World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), to integrate Earth observations with other data and information in tackling the challenges of monitoring the complexities in the post-2015 development of the water sector."





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