

What is the Group on Earth Observations (GEO)?

GEO is an intergovernmental partnership that works to improve the availability, access, understanding and use of Earth observations for the benefit of society.

Goals of GEO

GEO's member governments, participating organizations and associates work together to develop and implement Earth observations projects and initiatives that address global environmental and societal challenges. GEO's global engagement priorities include supporting the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. However, other work is also undertaken with respect to the Aichi Targets, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Minamata Convention and the New Urban Agenda through the activities of the GEO Work Programme.

In particular, GEO supports the intersection, overlap and shared monitoring and reporting requirements to achieve the respective goals and objectives of these global frameworks.

Services of GEO

In addition to 60+ Work Programme activities, the GEO community is building the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), and has already made over 400 million open data and information resources available via www.geoportal.org

Why join GEO?

- Ensure that the interests of your country and region are represented in GEO, this means aligning Earth observation investments and activities with national priorities.
- Influence the technical and policy decisions and contribute to the GEO Work Programme.
- Shape the overall direction of GEO through participation in the GEO Plenary and participation in the Executive Committee and Programme Board
- Benefit from the global community of Earth observation experts to help your organisation and nation learn from and share knowledge in the area of the engagement priorities

What are the requirements for Member governments?

Membership in GEO is open to all Member States of the United Nations. Membership in GEO requires formal endorsement of the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan. All members fit within an existing regional caucus. The regional caucuses nominate members for the Executive Committee on an annual basis. GEO does not require compulsory annual fees. Members are encouraged to contribute financially in addition to providing secondments and leveraging existing programmatic resources to support GEO.

**To become a Member of GEO contact: secretariat@geosec.org
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