



**Establishing the data policy
necessary for a GEO Global
Agricultural Monitoring System of
Systems**

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Data Policy

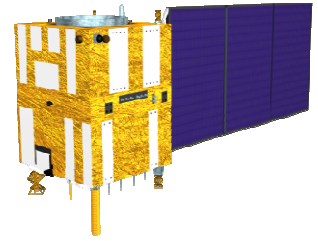
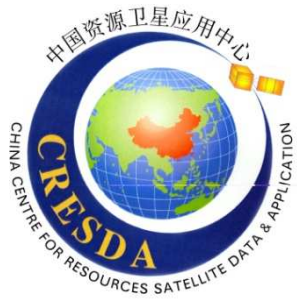
- Data policy will have a major impact on the effectiveness of the Global Earth Observing System of Systems for Agriculture.
- There is a major battle for the hearts and minds of countries involved in RS.
- The alternatives
 - Open sharing of data available to all at minimal cost to the user.
 - Increases use, builds applications and value added industries
 - Restricted use of data, charging as much as possible.
 - Reduces use, hinders applications and the value-added industries.
- Important that all countries adopt data policies encouraging distribution and availability of remote sensing data.

Bromley principles

- Form the basis of environmental data policy in the US
 - Came from the White House and hence established principles for all government departments
 - Had major impacts on data policies of many international environmental organizations

Costs

- **Data should be provided at the lowest possible cost** to global change researchers in the interest of full and open access to data.
 - This cost should, as a first principle, be no more than the marginal cost of filling a specific user request.
 - Nowadays in practice this is zero \$ or yuan or yen or euros.



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