Geneva, 13 December 2010

Subject: Third Meeting of the GEO Data Sharing Task Force

Dear member of the GEO Data Sharing Task Force,

On behalf of the Co-chairs of the Task Force, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 3rd meeting of the GEO Data Sharing Task Force, to be hosted by the National Academy of Sciences. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the Board on Research Data and Information of the National Research Council (NRC) in Washington DC (500 Fifth St. N.W., Washington, D.C.) from 19 to 21 January 2011.

The objectives of this meeting are to review the outcomes of the GEO-VII and Ministerial Summit 2010 in Beijing, and to plan the work of the Task Force in its mandate up to the GEO-VIII Plenary. In November at Beijing, Ministers committed to maximize the number of datasets on the basis of full and open access, and to establish the GEOSS Data Collection of Open Resources for Everyone (GEOSS Data-CORE). The Beijing Declaration, together with the GEOSS Data Sharing Action Plan, sets the foundation for major actions to be taken by GEO to achieve full and open exchange of data. The work of the Task Force will be of vital importance in turning these actions into reality.

Please confirm your participation to the GEO Secretariat: (Email: secretariat@geosec.org, Tel: +41 22 730 8505, Fax: +41 22 730 8520) by 10 January 2011. If you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact the GEO Secretariat.

We look forward to continue working with you in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

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