

ISDE Statement at GEO-X Plenary in Geneva

The International Society for Digital Earth congratulates GEO for nearly a decade of achievements under the leadership of the GEO Executive Committee and Secretariat.

We see with enthusiasm the commitments for the post-2015, as well as the way GEO will set out to develop a pathway to achieve the Vision for GEO 2025.

Our International Society for Digital Earth provides the scientific forum to discuss Digital Earth technologies to facilitate access to researchers, decision makers and the general public. Recently we initiated discussion on the relationship between Digital Earth and Big Earth Data. In this sense we are fully compatible with GEO and GEOSS. We have been honored to have GEO Secretariat Directors Jose Achache and Barbara Ryan attending our Symposiums in Beijing-2009 and Malaysia-2013. Last April, ISDE co-hosted the 35th International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment and our cooperation with GEO became stronger, our whole symposium was dedicated to GEO and GEOSS.

We would like to inform this distinguished Plenary meeting, that our Society is willing to dedicate future Digital Earth Symposia and Summits as a platform for scientific exchange of GEO / GEOSS related issues, to promote GEO's vision, and to contribute to the GEO's 9 societal benefit areas.

We consider that the International Society for Digital Earth and GEO, working hand to hand will be an asset for the implementation of the GEO's vision for 2025.