

Statement for GEO-X by Head of the Swedish Delegation, Mrs Lena Häll Eriksson

Today, we are looking back at almost 10 years of a unique cooperation of governments and organizations to collectively establish a shared and inclusive Global Earth Observation System of Systems, GEOSS.

Full, free and open access to environmental data for informed decisions has been a mantra of GEOSS. Consistent with this vision, SMHI (the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute) has decided to make all its data freely available from 2014.

We would like to highlight the contributions of Swedish experts as task lead within “Global Land-cover and Land-cover Change”, “Global Urban Observation and Information”, “Global Biodiversity Observation Network”, as well as in other task like “Global Mercury Observation System”.

We continue to support GEO in its important mission in building GEOSS. Sweden supports the Geneva Declaration as an essential step forward on our joint path towards the Vision of GEO for 2025.