Recognition of New Members

This Document is submitted to the GEO-XII Plenary for information and recognition of four new Member Governments joining GEO since GEO-XI.
Recognition of New Members

- 96th Member: The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, effective 11 November 2014;
- 97th Member: The Republic of Ecuador, effective 19 December 2014;
- 98th Member: The Republic of Zimbabwe, effective 12 May 2015; and
- 99th Member: The Federal Republic of Somalia, effective 26 August 2015; and
- 100th Member: The Republic of Kenya, effective 8 October 2015.

Total Member Governments: 989 Countries + the European Commission.
APPENDIX 1
Dr Barbara Ryan  
Director  
GEO Secretariat  
7 bis, Avenue de la Paix  
1211 Geneva 2  
Switzerland

November 11, 2014

Dear Dr Ryan,

It is my honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of Vietnam, made on November 06, 2014 to become a Member of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

To this end, the Government of Vietnam adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

In particular, as stated in this Resolution,

The Government of Vietnam endorses the 10-Year Implementation Plan as the basis for establishing a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to fulfil user requirements among various socio-economic benefit areas, while noting with appreciation the extensive supporting information compiled in the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan Reference Document.

The Government of Vietnam also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan.

Please find enclosed the form for the designation of Principal Representatives and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Pham Anh Tuan
No. 2102 /VHL-HTQT
On register member of GEO

Hanoi, November 06th 2014

Address to: Vietnam National Satellite Center

In response to official Document No.319/TTVTQG, dated October 29th 2014 of Vietnam National Satellite Center, the President of Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology decides:

- Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology agrees for Vietnam National Satellite Center to register to become member of GEO.
- Vietnam National Satellite Center has the responsibility of paying any fee for the implementation of GEO activities including membership dues (if any).
- When implementing activities of GEO Group, VNSC is requested to comply with regulations of Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology and according to the law in force of Vietnam.

Send to:
- As above;
- President (to report);
- Archive: VT, HTQT

FOR THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT

(signed and Sealed)

NINH KHAC BAN
Dr Barbara Ryan  
Director  
GEO Secretariat  
7 bis, Avenue de la Paix  
1211 Geneva 2  
Switzerland

Geneva, 19 December, 2014

Dear Dr Ryan,

It is my honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of Ecuador, made on 19 December 2014, to become a Member of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

To this end, the Government of Ecuador adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

In particular, as stated in this Resolution,

The Government of Ecuador endorses the 10-Year Implementation Plan as the basis for establishing a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to fulfil user requirements among various socio-economic benefit areas, while noting with appreciation the extensive supporting information compiled in the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan Reference Document.

The Government of Ecuador also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan.

Please find enclosed the form for the designation of Principal Representatives and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Alfonso Morales Suarez,  
Ambassador,  
Charge de Affairs a.i.  
Permanent Mission of Ecuador to UNOG.
Ref:

12 May 2015

Dr Barbara Ryan
Director - GEO Secretariat
7 bis, Avenue de la Paix
1211 Geneva 2
SWITZERLAND

Dear Dr Ryan

It is my honour to inform you that the Government of Zimbabwe, represented by the Research Council of Zimbabwe has decided to become a member of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

To this end, the Government of Zimbabwe adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

The Government of Zimbabwe also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan. Please find enclosed the form for both the Principal and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr M. M Sibanda
CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET

13 MAY 2015

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Ref: WTKHB / XW / 086/15

Date: 26 August, 2015

Director
GEO Secretariat
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Switzerland

Dear Dr Ryan,

It is my honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of Federal Republic of SOMALIA, made on 26 August 2015 to become a Member of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

To this end, the Government of Federal Republic of SOMALIA adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

In particular, as stated in this Resolution, The Government of the Federal Republic of SOMALIA endorses the 10-Year Implementation Plan as the basis for establishing a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to fulfill user requirements among various socio-economic benefit areas, while noting with appreciation the extensive supporting information compiled in the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan Reference Document.

The Government of the Federal Republic of SOMALIA also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan.

Please find enclosed the form for the designation of Principal Representatives and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,
H.E Mr. Mohamed Hassan Adam ‘Shahiyow’
Minister of Energy and Water Resources
Ref: WD/1/5/29VOL.II/(44)                                      Date: 8th OCTOBER, 2015

Dr. Barbara Ryan,
Director,
GEO Secretariat,
7 bis, Avenue de la Paix,
1211 Geneva 2,
SWITZERLAND

Dear

MEMBERSHIP TO GROUP OF EARTH OBSERVATIONS

It is my honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of Kenya to become a Member of the Intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

To this end, the Government of Kenya adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit, which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

In particular, as stated in this Resolution, The Government of Kenya endorses the 10-Year Implementation Plan as the basis for establishing a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to fulfil user requirements among various socio-economic benefit areas, while noting with appreciation the extensive supporting information compiled in the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan Reference Document.

The Government also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan.

"Water is life and your right but conserve it"
Please find enclosed the form for the designation of Principal Representatives and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours

HON. EUGENE L. WAMALWA, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY