

STATEMENT BY A NEW MEMBER (ZIMBABWE) TO GROUP ON EARTH OBSERVATIONS (GEO)

1. Salutations
2. The Government of Zimbabwe is indeed very happy to join the Community of Nations which are Members of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO). We know that our introduction to the GEO Community is welcome and that our stay in the organisation will contribute to GEO in fulfilling the need of all the nine benefit areas.
3. Many of the issues that GEO addresses including agriculture, civil protection, health, wildlife and biodiversity protection, transport, energy, water, education, disease and vector control, among others are important policy matters in Zimbabwe.
4. Zimbabwean agencies and organisations including health institutions, academic and research institutions, civil protection and emergency response units, wildlife management and protection units, government and private business entities, are prepared to contribute their skills and expertise for the success of GEO.
5. The Zimbabwean Delegation looks forward to meeting many people this week, and having more in-depth conversations about the future of GEO.
6. Thank you