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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) Working Group on Land Cover for Africa, we would like to take this opportunity to request your participation in this important activity. The GEO Working Group on Land Cover for Africa is conducting an inventory of current land cover activities on the continent. We are requesting your support in providing us information concerning land cover mapping activities in your country or region. Enclosed please find the Inventory form.

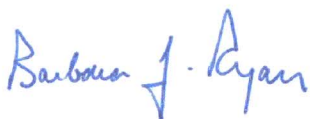
As background concerning this activity, the GEO Working Group on Land Cover for Africa was officially launched during the Africa GIS Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in November 2013. An Executive Board, with members from the six regions in Africa was established. In addition to the Executive Board, the Working Group has a Technical Advisory Group which consists of Technical experts from both Africa and International Organizations. Currently the co-chairs of the Technical Advisory Group are Dr Amadou Dieye Centre de Svivi Ecologique, and Ms Jean Parcher, Department of the Interior. Enclosed please find the brochure of the Working Group.

Please complete the enclosed Inventory and return it to Andiswa Mlisa from the GEO Secretariat (amlisa@geosec.org) with a copy to Amadou Dieye (dieye@cse.sn) and Jean Parcher (jean_parcher@ios.doi.gov). If you have technical questions, please feel free to address them to Dr Dieye or Ms Parcher.

Please return the survey by August 31st, 2014.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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