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Subject: Invitation to the Workshop on Capacity Building and Developing Countries in GEO Post-2015, 4 May 2015, Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the Workshop on Capacity Building and Developing Countries in GEO Post-2015, organised by ID-02 Developing Institutional and Individual Capacity Task. The workshop will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, on 4 May 2015.

The one-day Workshop, immediately preceding the GEO Work Plan Symposium (5 – 7 May 2015), will focus on engaging developing countries in GEO post-2015 and strengthening capacity building activities to enable the uptake of Earth observations. The objective of the meeting is two-fold:

- outline capacity building plans and activities in GEO for the next decade (2016 – 2025); and
- provide inputs to the Implementation Plan Working Group (IPWG) on how GEO can better engage and involve developing countries (a clear call from the GEO Geneva Declaration).

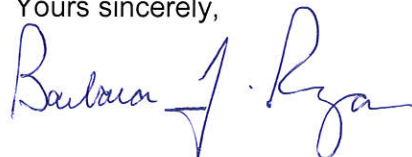
The Workshop aims to attract participants from institutions that provide capacity building programmes, such as education and training, data and software tools and project and mobility resources. In addition, we hope to attract representatives of organisations and associations that undertake outreach activities. Please advise if your institution would like to make a presentation during the workshop.

Registration for the Workshop is available at: <http://geoss.ezregister.com/>

Please do not hesitate to contact Andiswa Mlisa amlisa@geosec.org and Gregory Giuliani gregory.giuliani@unepgrid.ch if you have any questions or require additional information.

We look forward to your joining us to further capacity building for the uptake of Earth observations in decision-making.

Yours sincerely,



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