

ICSU Statement for the GEO Ministerial in Beijing 2010

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Honorable Ministers, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In addition to the joint statement delivered by my colleague from WMO on behalf of the UN agencies, programmes, and ICSU, co-sponsoring GCOS, GOOS and GTOS, it is my pleasure to address the GEO Ministerial Summit on behalf of the International Council for Science (ICSU) on some other contributions by ICSU to GEO/GEOSS.

First, ICSU calls on GEO Members and Participating Organizations to support the GEO-BON implementation. GEO BON is being developed in close cooperation with the joint ICSU-UNESCO international biodiversity research programme, Diversitas.

Second, I hope that this summit will approve the GEOSS Data Sharing Implementation Guidelines and Action Plan, developed with the help of the ICSU Committee on Data (CODATA).

Third, ICSU is proud to contribute its new World Data System and its long-term stewardship of quality-assessed data and services as a key service to GEOSS.

The mission of the ICSU World Data System is to coordinate and integrate the international data management, data analysis and data services infrastructure, by promoting global multi-disciplinary collaborations. When completed, the ICSU WDS will be ready to support the long-term framework of GEOSS and to sustain scientific research of future generations of scientists.

Thank you.