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Monitoring & Evaluation Working Group

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Subject: First meeting of the GEOSS Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (M&EWG)

Dear Colleagues,

Following the recommendations of the GEO-V Plenary, and having received nominations from several GEO members and participating organizations, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate to the first meeting of the GEOSS M&EWG.

The meeting will take place **26 and 27 March at the GEO Secretariat in Geneva, WMO Building, Room 8Jura.**

The draft agenda is enclosed.

Please find also enclosed the following documentation:

- the list of participants;
- the documents supporting the meeting;
- a list of suggested hotels that are close to the GEO Secretariat;
- Geneva general Information.

The outcomes of the meeting will provide essential inputs for the “reconciliation” meeting, scheduled from **Monday 30 March to Wednesday 1 April 2009 at the GEO Secretariat in Geneva**, that will bring together the Target Task Team - T3, your Group - M&EWG and the Coordination Group of GEO Committees Co-Chairs - C4.

You are kindly invited to participate and you will receive a separate invitation.

Thank you for confirming your participation by e-mail to the GEO Secretariat secretariat@geosec.org “First Meeting of the GEOSS M&EWG” in the subject line of your communication.

Looking forward to see you all in Geneva,

Yours sincerely,



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