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GEO Data Sharing Task Force

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Dear GEO Data Sharing Task Force Member,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Data Sharing Task Force Action Plan Meeting, which will be hosted by the United Kingdom on 2-4 February 2010 at the Defra Innovation Centre in Reading, UK.

The objective of this meeting is to discuss and draft the GEOSS Data Sharing Action Plan. The Action Plan will be submitted to the GEO-VII Plenary and 2010 Ministerial Summit, together with the draft GEOSS Data Sharing Principles Implementation Guidelines.

The Cape Town Declaration played an important role in accelerating the trend towards full and open access to satellite data, as illustrated by the data policies for CBERS, Landsat and GMES. The 2010 Ministerial Summit could create additional momentum for the GEOSS Data Sharing Principles, in particular by promoting full and open access to in-situ data sets. Other key issues that may be addressed by the Action Plan include intellectual property rights; the public good versus commercial interests; and monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of politically agreed commitments.

Please inform the GEO Secretariat at [Secretariat@geosec.org](mailto:Secretariat@geosec.org) by Friday, 22 January, of your availability to attend this meeting.

We look forward to working with you on the development of the Action Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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