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## Land Cover Side Event:

### “Harmonized Pathways Towards Policy Needs”

Coordinated by GEO and the UN Statistical Division

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Monday, 9 November, 14:00-18:00

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Room Lázaro Cárdenas)

#### Event Objectives

- Identify paths towards greater harmonization
- Explore and identify new methods for improved utilization of:
  - Existing LCLU datasets
  - Available EO data and other information
- Identify potential partners for UNSD project

#### Desired outputs and outcomes

- Identification of key players that are able to engage
- A starting point for further exploration of ideas
- Guidance for the GEO Land Cover task

#### Draft Agenda (annotated)

##### Welcome (Barbara Ryan) (5 min)

##### 1) Introduction and stage setting (55)

- Agenda overview, meeting objectives and outputs (Gary Geller) (10)
- UNSD Perspective (Michael Bordt & Greg Scott) (20)
- Overview of previous LCLU map activities (Alan Belward) (15)

##### 2) Current situation and plans (70)

- User Needs Roundtable (35) (Convey key user needs; demonstrate the variety of needs; look for commonalities) (maximum of 5 min each)
  - Data users stand up from their seats to respond to a short list of questions, eg what problems do they need to solve.
  - Discussion
- Data Provider Roundtable (35) (Basic information on current datasets in a brief, focused format) (maximum of 5 min each)
  - Data providers stand up from their seats to respond to a short list of questions, e.g., how their legend was chosen and who the product is for
  - Discussion

##### BREAK (30)

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## Current situation and plans (continued) (35)

- Land Cover Community Portal concepts
  - Collaborative Platform for Global Land Information--CoGland (Chen Jun) (10)
  - GEO Land Cover Portal (Yuqi Bai) (10)
  - Commonalities in Global Land Cover Datasets – Crosswalking at the Biome Level (Roger Sayre) (10)
  - Discussion (15)

## 3) The way forward (35)

- Synopsis: summary of key points
- Open discussion
  - What user requirements are shared among many users?
  - How well are these requirements being met? What is missing and why?
  - What should we do about it?
  - What would an operational system that meets key user requirements look like?
  - What concrete steps should be taken?

## Wrap up (10)

- Next steps
- Action items

## Questions for the LC Data Providers and Users

For Data Providers (5 minutes, Maximum)

- 1) When you selected your legend—what were your criteria? Whose needs was the legend designed for? What were those needs?
- 2) What are your thoughts on how to create a more “harmonized” legend? What are the challenges? (Or...are these the right questions to ask?)
- 3) How accurate is the product?
- 4) Will your data processing be operationalized?

For Data Users (5 minutes, Maximum)

- 1) What problem are you trying to solve? (Be extremely brief! A couple sentences, max)
- 2) What do you need to know about land cover and how it is changing?
- 3) Do current Land Cover datasets meet your needs? Why not—what is missing?
- 4) Does your organization have enough capacity to work with Land Cover data?