



GEO WEEK 2019 MINISTERIAL SUMMIT #GEOWEEK19

4 - 9 NOVEMBER / CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA



HOW DO WE ENSURE EARTH OBSERVATIONS DRIVE PRODUCTIVITY & GROWTH ACROSS OUR ECONOMIES?

From 4-9 November 2019, Ministers from GEO's 105 Member governments, business leaders, heads of international non-profits and passionate experts will meet in Canberra for GEO Week 2019 and the GEO Ministerial Summit.

Canberra means 'meeting place' in Ngunnawal, the local indigenous language. Recognizing the history of the land and its traditional custodians, the Summit will bring together diverse people and cultures to support and sustain our planet and communities.

The week's events will focus on ensuring data about our planet becomes a core input to our strategic economic policy making and our day-to-day business, environmental and development decisions.

→ An investment that delivers big returns

All economic and business decisions must now consider how the planet is changing, and Earth observation data can improve our economies from top to bottom. GEO Week 2019 and the GEO Ministerial Summit will explore how investments in Earth observation make this possible, delivering major returns on that investment to our economies and communities.

→ Creating new opportunities in our digital economies

GEO Week 2019 will provide a platform for Ministers to highlight how their governments, businesses and communities are embracing opportunities presented by digital technology and Earth observations.

→ Global impact on global agendas

Participants will discuss how the integration of Earth observation data into our digital economies can drive progress on the big three global policy frameworks: the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Climate Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

→ Industry Track: Advancing technologies to analyse Big Earth Data

GEO Week 2019 will include a dedicated track of events for space, technology and spatial businesses and the broader commercial sector. Worth attending in its own right, the Industry Track will provide opportunities for commercial sector attendees to learn about user needs and new technologies, showcase their capabilities to other industry players and governments, network and scope new opportunities, partnerships and projects.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday 4/11: Side Events
Tuesday 5/11: Side Events / Executive Committee Meeting / Exhibition
Wednesday 6/11: GEO-XVI Plenary / Industry Track / Exhibition / Gala Dinner
Thursday 7/11: GEO-XVI Plenary / Industry Track / Exhibition / Ministerial Roundtable / Ministerial Dinner
Friday 8/11: Ministerial Summit / Press Conference / Exhibition
Saturday 9/11: Executive Committee Meeting

What are Earth observations?

Earth observations are measurements of our planet and how it is changing: its land, atmosphere and oceans; its cities, towns and villages. This data is collected by satellites, aircraft, ships and observatories on the ground.

What is GEO?

The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) is an intergovernmental partnership of 105 member governments, 127 international organisations and thousands of passionate individuals and businesses. The GEO community uses data about our planet to drive sustained and inclusive economic growth.

GEO provides a unique forum where governments, businesses, the research community, non-profits and all other groups come together to create solutions, share, and cooperate.

Who should attend GEO Week 2019?

Ministers interested in improving the use of Earth observation data and technology for inclusive and sustained economic development.

Representatives of GEO Member governments and Participating Organizations interested in advancing GEO's mission.

Contributors to GEO Work Programme initiatives and activities interested in advancing GEO's mission.

Industry leaders from the tech, space and spatial sectors interested in promoting their capabilities, networking and creating new partnerships.

International organizations interested in advancing the availability and use of Earth observations in support of their mission.

Scientists and technical experts interested in learning and sharing their knowledge to support sustainable development.