

COSTA RICA – Comments

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Dear colleagues,

Please find in this communication, Costa Rica's comments to the Interim Report of the Post-25 Working Group:

It is crucial to increase the level of inclusiveness and participation of the countries and organizations that are part of GEO, for which it is essential to work on the elimination of barriers that prevent equal opportunities for participation among the parties.

The language barrier is one that we need to reduce, as it limits many people around the world from having access to or participating more actively in our community. We need to find ways to ensure that language is not a barrier that limits our ability to reach out to each other.

On the other hand, GEO should continue working on increasing local capacities, in a ongoing process of capacity building that allows access to the necessary knowledge so that representatives of public institutions, academia, NGOs and businesses can have full access to the potential of the use of earth observations.

It is also essential for Costa Rica and countries in the region, that GEO contributes with us to have continuous and sustained access to high-resolution satellite data, in order to improve the quality and impact of the information generated by the monitoring systems. To this end, we propose the development of a joint strategy to provide a solution to this necessity, which is shared by many countries.

It is essential to work on making more evident the added value generated by GEO's work and the use of earth observations in society. The influence is enormous. However, we have identified a lack of awareness of the connections that exist among many key actors, including members of the GEO community itself.

Kind regards,
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