

ISPRS Statement at the GEO Geneve Ministerial Summit

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ISPRS is pleased to see the significant progress achieved by Earth Observation communities in the field of land cover mapping and monitoring. While more and more global, regional and national land cover data will be produced and publicized via web services, we are still witness an increasing 'Information island'. It is now not easy for many users to find, select, integrate and reuse the diverse multi-scale and multi-temporal land cover data sets.

Following the GLC side event held on the 14th Jan, ISPRS recognized the necessity to develop a web-based Global land cover intelligent information portal by connecting a variety of global, national and regional land cover data sets and services. This portal will not attempt to hold land cover data and services, but establish ways to link to the data and services distributed over the Internet and by various organizations.

Such a GLC Portal will improve the existing capabilities of GEOSS Portal for searching and registering resources with a focus on GLC data, information and services. The GLC Portal will also complement GEOSS Portal by offering and/or developing specific functionalities. ISPRS strongly recommends the design and development of such a 'one-stop' portal be supported by the Ministerial Summit.