

New Members, Participating Organizations, Observers and Associates

This Document is submitted to the GEO-XVI Plenary for information. With these actions, the total number of GEO Members is 108; Participating Organizations is 132; Observers is 11; and Associates is 6.

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Membership in the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) is open to all Member States of the United Nations and to the European Commission. GEO also welcomes, as Participating Organizations, intergovernmental, international, and regional organizations, development banks, foundations, non-governmental organizations, and not-for-profit associations of commercial entities with a mandate and/or interest in, or be a user of Earth observations, information or services – that is the full spectrum, and/or value chain from data collection to use. While no approval is necessary for Member Countries, acceptance of Participating Organizations and Observers is subject to approval by the GEO Executive Committee.

Since the last Plenary, the following actions have taken place.

1 NEW MEMBERS

There have been 4 new members since GEO- XV:

- Guatemala;
- El Salvador;
- Sierra Leone;
- Tonga.

Total number of Member Governments in GEO: 109 (108 Countries and the European Commission).

2 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Following the delegation of authority, from Plenary to the GEO Executive Committee, for the approval of Participating Organizations and Observers, the following organizations were approved in 2019:

Approved at the 45th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 30 October 2018:

- The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).

Approved at the 47th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 19-20 March 2019:

- World Food Programme (WFP).

Approved at the 48th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 23-24 July 2019:

- Economic Community of West African States Commission (ECOWAS Commission);
- Mercator Ocean International; and
- OpenGeoHub Foundation (OpenGeoHub).

Approved at the 49th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 5 November 2019

- African Smart Cities Innovation Foundation
- Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS)
- Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology CIMH
- Cooperation Latinoamerica de Redes Avanzadas CLARA

Total number of Participating Organizations in GEO: 136

3 OBSERVERS

There were no new Observers this past year.

Total number of Observers in GEO: 11

4 ASSOCIATES

Following the delegation of authority, from Plenary to the GEO Executive Committee, for the approval of Associates, the following organizations were approved in 2019:

Approved at the 48th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 23-24 July 2019:

- Acclimatise Group Ltd.;
- The Centre for Ecological Research and Forestry Applications (CREAF);
- Beijing Piesat Information Technology Co. (PIESAT);
- Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri);
- International Centre for Earth Simulation Foundation (ICES); and
- Space Will Info. Co. Ltd. (SpaceWill).

Approved at the 49th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 5th November

- PCI Geomatics
- Space Enabled Research Group MIT Media Lab
- SuperMap Software
- Terradue
- Trimble

Total number of Associates in GEO: 11