

GHANA STATEMENT

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Dear Secretariat,

On behalf of our GEO Principal, Ghana is thankful to all for the successful GEO Week celebration in our beloved country.

Here are some crucial reflections from the Ghana side on the EAG report and the Post-2025 agenda.

1. There was a discussion of a report from the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) on the future of the Global Earth Observations System of Systems (GEOSS) Platform, also known as the GEO Portal. The report was presented at the ExCom meeting and Plenary and included options and recommendations about the future of infrastructure related to GEO. Ghana wants to keep the position that the EAG further does some analyses but ensures that the GEO portal is maintained and transformed to be integrated with the GEO knowledge hub and emerging other portals being implemented and developed in Africa, Asia and Latin Americas.
2. Second, the Post 2025 working group delivered its first draft report, the Interim Report of the Post-25 Working Group, to the Plenary for consideration for the next GEO strategy to start in 2025. Ghana fully supports the post-2025 agenda but wants GEO to critically consider and prioritise the access to high-resolution (Below 10m) data currently limited to low-income countries due to cost and accessibility. Regular and timely access to these datasets is crucial for addressing food security, water resources, disaster risk reduction, and land use land cover change, among many other areas of EO application for evidence-based decision-making. GEO should consider the financial models and mechanisms to ensure this is possible for the post-2025 agenda. Ghana understands that this is crucial to allow for technology transfer and remove barriers of unhealthy competition among various partners between developed and developing countries.

Thank you.

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