

Senegal Position

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GEO-Senegal expresses its appreciation for the GEO 2023-2025 Work program. GEO-Senegal supports the current priority themes. We recognize that 2022 is a turning point for GEO's critical transition. It is an opportune time for the community to further understand GEO's values and comparative advantages and to express its expectations to GEO in the future in terms of potential services, products, and functions. For example, Senegal is particularly interested in GEO LDN activities and believes that they should provide more expertise in making the right choices in maintaining or restoring land balance in the right places and at the right scales.

The Post-2025 Working Group process is an important opportunity for GEO to take stock, review and ultimately propose an evolution of GEO into a modern, fit-for-purpose vehicle: sufficiently strong and organized with required means to provide services to the whole community.

If we adopt the mindset that business as usual is not an option, GEO should:

- Increase Equitable Access to Earth Observations: Encourages collaboration, complementarity and Cross-fertilization among regional initiatives aimed at improving access to and use of geospatial and EO data (e.g. GMES&Africa, SERVIR, Digital Earth Africa...)
- Potential niches to consider for services and applications include Land Degradation Neutrality, Integrated Land Use Planning, Coastal erosion, Food security, Biodiversity loss, Wetlands, Climate change, Loss and damage, etc.

GEO should strengthen its support for developing countries to access reliable Earth observation data and information to improve the quality of local decisions and national reports and to align government policy goals and international commitments with specific space use cases (applications) at the right scale (very high resolution Earth observation data are, where and when needed, affordable).