

New Members, Participating Organizations and Associates

This document is provided to the 19th Plenary for information. With these actions, the total number of GEO Members is 115; Participating Organizations is 152; and Associates is 20.

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 GEO-18, the following actions have taken place.

1 NEW MEMBERS

115th Member: Trinidad and Tobago, Republic of, effective from 20 September 2023.

Total number of Member Governments in GEO: 115 (114 Countries and the European Commission).

2 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Per the Rules of Procedure, GEO's Executive Committee reviews and makes decisions regarding granting Participating Organization status to new applicants. For 2023, the following organizations were approved by the Executive Committee:

Approved at the 60th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 22-23 March 2023:

- Health Solutions Research Inc.;
- Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence;
- New World Hope Organisation;
- UbuntuNet Alliance for Research and Networking; and
- Jokkolabs Banjul.

Approved at the 61st Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 17-18 July 2023:

- Research Centre of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals (CBAS); and
- Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organisation (APSCO).

Subject to approval by Executive Committee at the 62nd Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 7th November 2023:

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Total number of Participating Organizations in GEO: 153.

3 ASSOCIATES

Per the Rules of Procedure, GEO's Executive Committee reviews and makes decisions regarding granting Associate status to new applicants. The Executive Committee only reviews applications that are supported by the Principal of the GEO Member in which the applicant is registered. For 2023, the following organizations were approved by the Executive Committee:

- The Research Institute for Innovation and Sustainability (RIIS).

Total number of Associates in GEO: 20.