

New Members, Participating Organizations and Associates

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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 Union as represented by the European Commission. GEO 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. GEO welcomes, as GEO Associates, commercial firms and national associations of commercial firms, as well as non-governmental, not-for-profit and civil society organizations with a national or sub-national mandate or scope of operations related to Earth Observations.

Since GEO-19, the following Members, Participating Organizations and Associates have joined GEO.

1 MEMBERS

- 116th Member: Republic of the Maldives effective from 24 January 2024;
- 117th Member: Republic of Benin effective from 20 March 2025.

Total number of Members in GEO: 117 (116 Countries and the European Commission).

2 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Per the Rules of Procedure (Annex A.2), GEO's Executive Committee reviews and makes decisions regarding granting Participating Organization status to new applicants. For 2024 and 2025, the following organizations were approved by the Executive Committee:

- Approved at the 62nd Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 7 November 2023:
 - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- Approved at the 63rd Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 16-17 April 2024:
 - Alliance of Biodiversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (The Alliance);
 - Taylor Geospatial Institute (TGI).
- Approved at the 64th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 6-7 November 2024:
 - Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC);
 - West Africa ICT Action Network (WAICTANet).

- Approved at the 65th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 4-5 March 2025:
 - Red De Laboratorios De Observación De La Tierra Para La Reducción Del Riesgo De Desastres (RedLabOT).

Total number of Participating Organizations in GEO: 157.

3 ASSOCIATES

Per the Rules of Procedure (Annex A.3), 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 2024 and 2025, the following organizations were approved by the Executive Committee:

- Approved at the 63rd Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 16-17 April 2024:
 - MDA Space;
 - Women in GIS Uganda (WiGIS): accepted as an Associate on condition that the GEO Secretariat receives a recommendation from the Uganda Principal.
- Approved at the 65th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 4-5 March 2025:
 - Skywatch Space Application Inc.;
 - Voyager Search.
- Subject to approval by Executive Committee at the 66th Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 6 May 2025:
 - European Space Imaging (EUSI).
 - Axelspace Corporation.

Total number of Associates in GEO: 22.