

## **New Members, Participating Organizations and Associates**

*This document is provided to GEO-18 Plenary for information. With these actions, the total number of GEO Members is 114; Participating Organizations is 144; and Associates is 19.*

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**

- 114<sup>th</sup> Member: The Democratic Republic of Congo, effective 1 January 2023.

Total number of Member Governments in GEO: 114 (113 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 2022:

Approved at the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 13-14 July 2022:

- Sociedad Futura; and
- Space for Climate Observatory (SCO).

Approved at the 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the GEO Executive Committee, 1 November 2022:

- West and Central African Research and Education Network (WACREN).

Total number of Participating Organizations in GEO: 144.

### **3 ASSOCIATES**

There were no new Associates this past year.

Total number of Associates in GEO: 19