

CEOS Overview / Plans

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1. Overview

1.1 What is CEOS ?

CEOS = “Committee on Earth Observation Satellites”

- ◆ An **international coordinating** mechanism charged with coordinating international civil **space-borne missions** designed to observe and study planet Earth.
- ◆ Individual participating agencies make their **best efforts** to implement recommendations.



Created in 1984

Recognizing the multidisciplinary nature of satellite EO and the value of coordination across all proposed missions.

G7 of Industrialized Nations Working Group on Growth, Technology, and Employment's Panel of Experts on Satellite Remote Sensing



- 1) To **optimize benefits of space-borne** Earth observation
- 2) To serve as a focal point for international **coordination**
- 3) To exchange policy and technical information to encourage **complementarity** and **compatibility** of observation and data exchange systems

Goal

- I. To ensure the following points;
 - Critical scientific questions relating to EO and global change are covered
 - Satellite missions do not unnecessarily overlap each other
- II. Maximum use of satellite observation data



1.3 Participants

MEMBERS : 24 Governmental organizations

- Responsible for a civil spaceborne Earth observation program (currently operating or at least in Phase B or equivalent of system development)

Organization	H.Q. Location
ASI	Italy
BNSC	U.K. * Current Chair
CAST	China
CNES	France
CONAE	Argentina
CSA	Canada
CSIRO	Australia
DLR	Germany

Organization	H.Q. Location
EC	Brussels
ESA	Paris
EUMETSAT	Germany
INPE	Brazil
ISRO	India
KARI	Korea
MEXT/JAXA	Japan
NASA	U.S.
NASRDA	Nigeria

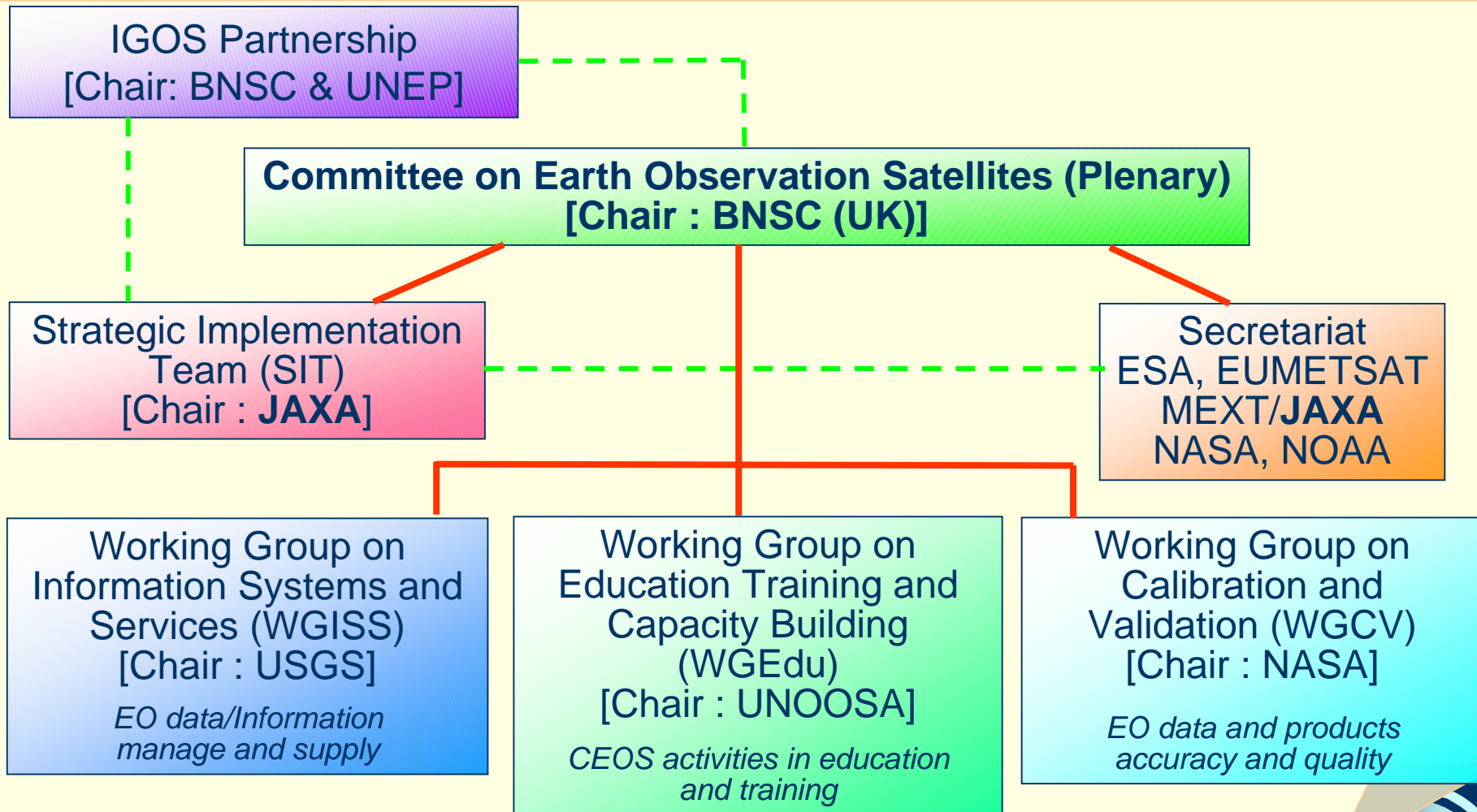
Organization	H.Q. Location
NOAA	U.S.
NRSCC (National Remote Sensing Center of China)	China
NSAU	Ukraine
ROSHYDROMET	Russia
Rosaviakosmos	Russia
SNSB	Sweden
USGS	U.S.

ASSOCIATES : 21 Governmental organizations or Satellite coordination groups which currently have one of the followings

- A civil space-segment activity in Phase A/pre-Phase A or equivalent of system development
- A significant ground-segment activity that supports CEOS objectives
- A significant programmatic activity that supports CEOS objectives.



1.4 Structure



--- Dotted line indicates need for close coordination



1.5 Roles of SIT

- ➔ For each IGOS-P Theme, **seek commitments to cover the needs of the Theme, and monitor the realisation of the commitments;**
- ➔ When a Theme has reached Implementation stage, **ensure that there is an appropriate space component representative in each Theme's Implementation Team.**
- ➔ **Achieve greater synergy between the research satellite and operational satellite communities in building to develop future generation operational monitoring capabilities.**



2. CEOS & IGWCO/CEOP

CEOS

23 Members & 21 Associates

SIT

- Planning & implement action of IGOS space segment
- Commitment by space agencies

CEOS

IGOS

Partnership

Global Observing Systems

GCOS

GOOS

GTOS

GOS/GAW

Space Agencies

Sponsor Agencies for

Global Observing Systems

International Global Change Research Programs

WCRP

IGBP

UNESCO

IOC-UNESCO

WMO

IGFA

ICSU

FAO

UNEP

IGOS-P Themes



the first element of IGWCO

Ocean	Global Carbon	Water Cycle (IGWCO)	Geohazards	Atmos. Chemistry	Coastal / Coral Reef	Land	Cryosphere
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3. CEOS Task Force

Set up at 18th CEOS Plenary (November 2004, @Beijing)

Main Purpose

To investigate and to make recommendations on the mechanisms, which would allow CEOS to undertake the role of co-ordinating space-based observations for GEO.



4. Future Role

CEOS should offer:

- ➔ its services to GEO for coordination of space components of GEOSS required by the GEOSS Annual Workplan.
- ➔ the services of its working groups in support of GEOSS objectives.

And it is suggested that

- ➔ **SIT** would need to be capable of monitoring the commitments of members to both IGOS-P Themes and to the social benefit areas in the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan, and to encourage specific gaps to be filled.



5. Summary

- ❑ **CEOS has played a major role in establishing the IGOS-P and is contributing to the implementation of space segment of the IGOS-P Themes.**
- ❑ **CEOS intends to serve as a primary body for coordinating space-based observations of the GEOSS.**
- ❑ **CEOP is the first element of Integrated Global Water Cycle Observation (IGWCO) in the IGOS-P themes.**

