



NOAA and GEOS5: Meeting Our Earth Observation Needs

Perspectives on Integrated System of Systems

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Overview

- Personal experience
- Some examples
- Vision
- How you can help move GEOSS forward

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Personal Experience

- **NOAA: IOOS – 2004-05**
 - *Integration across NOAA*
 - *Integration nationally and internationally*
 - *Missing link to GEOSS*
- **WMO - 2006-07**
 - *Coordination with GEOSS Secretariat*
- **Need to connect to users**

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Some Examples

- **Successes:**

- *Tsunami Warning*

- **Possibilities:**

- *Medical authorities anticipating public needs*

- *Community planning to address air quality*

- *End-to-end disaster planning, preparation and response*

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Vision

Information exchange benefiting people

- *Improved earth observation leading to ...*
 - *Improved research leading to ...*
 - *Improved understanding leading to ...*
 - *Improved analysis & prediction leading to...*
 - *New products and services leading to...*
- *Improved human health, safety, & welfare*

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How you can help move GEOSS forward

Recognize

- **It's not about ownership**
 - *Interoperability and architecture are key*
- **Building GEOSS requires commitment without new resources**
 - *Small steps you take within existing resources will produce the strategic gain*
- **The largest payoff is years ahead**

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9 Societal Benefits

- **Disasters:** *Reducing loss of life and property from natural and human-induced disasters*
- **Health:** *Understanding environmental factors affecting human health and well-being*
- **Energy:** *Improving management of energy resources*
- **Climate:** *Understanding, assessing, predicting, mitigating, and adapting to climate variability and change*
- **Water:** *Improving water resource management through better understanding of the water cycle*
- **Weather:** *Improving weather information, forecasting, and warning*
- **Ecosystems:** *Improving the management and protection of terrestrial, coastal, and marine resources*
- **Agriculture:** *Supporting sustainable agriculture and combating desertification*
- **Biodiversity:** *Understanding, monitoring, and conserving biodiversity*

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GEOSS has the potential to make a significant contribution to a better US and world

Your program needs to be a part of reaching its vision.

