
Second Announcement

The 11th GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposium

Strengthening Regional Cooperation through AOGEOSS

for the SDGs, Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework

Kyoto, Japan, 24 – 26 October 2018

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), it is my pleasure to send the second announcement for the 11th GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposium will be held in Kyoto, Japan, from 24 to 26 September 2018. The Symposium is being organized by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) with support from the GEO Secretariat.

The Symposium will provide decision-makers, practitioners, researchers and engineers from the Asia-Oceania region with a forum to exchange information and discuss cooperation on activities of the Asia Oceania GEOSS Initiative (AOGEOSS).

The theme of the 11th GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposium is “Strengthening Regional Cooperation through AOGEOSS for the SDGs, Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework”. The Symposium will focus on understanding how GEO's three priority areas are addressed by each AOGEOSS Task Group's activities, cooperation between the Task Groups, and opportunities for new activities and contributions.

Future actions under AOGEOSS will be identified in the Kyoto Statement, which will be adopted at the Symposium and shared at the GEO Week 2018 Asia Oceania Day side event.

The participants will share information and discuss topics through the following parallel Task Groups:

- Asian Water Cycle Initiative (AWCI);
- Asia-Pacific Biodiversity Observation Network (AP-BON);
- GEO Carbon and GHG Initiative (GEO-C);
- Ocean, Coast and Island;
- Agriculture and Food Security;



- Monitoring and Evaluation of Drought in Asia-Oceania region;
- Environmental Monitoring and Protection;
- Himalayan GEOSS;
- Data Sharing;
- Development of AO Data Set; and
- User Engagement and Communication.

The Symposium will take place at Kyoto Terra, Kyoto, Japan. A detailed agenda is available at: <https://geoss-ap-symp11.org/program.html>

Details on registration and logistics are available on the Symposium website: <https://geoss-ap-symp11.org/index.html>

Further information on the AOGEOSS Initiative is available on the AOGEOSS Website: <https://aogeoss.com/en>.

Please feel free to contact the Symposium Secretariat in Japan with any questions:

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We look forward to seeing you in Kyoto.

Yours sincerely,

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