

## **AGENDA**

### **The Second GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposium: The role of Earth observations in tackling climate change**

**National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation  
Tokyo, Japan, 14-16 April 2008**

#### **Monday, 14 April 2008 - Plenary**

- 09:30-10:00    **Registration - Morning Coffee**
- 10:00-10:05    **Opening**  
Prof. Jose Achache, GEO Secretariat Director
- 10:05-10:15    **Welcome by Host Country**  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- 10:15-11:00    **Report on GEOSS Related Activities**  
Highlight of GEO Summit Outcome  
(Prof. Jose Achache, GEO Secretariat Director)  
GEOSS Architecture and Data Management  
(Prof. Ryosuke Shibasaki, University of Tokyo)
- 11:00-12:00    **Country Reports on GEOSS Related Activities**
- 12:00-13:00    **Lunch**
- 13:00-15:00    **Country Reports on GEOSS Related Activities**
- 15:00-15:30    **Break**
- 15:30-16:45    **Country Reports on GEOSS Related Activities (Continued)**
- 16:45-17:45    **Theme and Task of Parallel Sessions**
- 18:00-20:00    **Reception**

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**Tuesday, 15 April 2008 - Parallel Sessions**

09:30-10:00 **Morning Coffee**

10:00-12:00 **Parallel Sessions**

To streamline the discussion, the Symposium will include four parallel sessions. The objective is to present and discuss relevant activities, focussing particularly on activities in the Asia-Pacific region, and identify future activities to contribute to GEOSS implementation

1. **Monitoring and Predicting Climate Change**  
(Chaired by Dr. Yukihiro Nojiri, National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan)
2. **Earth Observations for Sustainable Water Management**  
(Chaired by Dr. Toshio Koike, University of Tokyo)
3. **Using GEOSS to Manage Ecosystems and Protect Biodiversity**  
(Chaired by Dr. Tohru Nakashizuka, Tohoku University)
4. **Mapping Forest and Tracking Carbon**  
(Chaired by Dr. Yoshiki Yamagata, NIES, Japan)

12:00-13:00 **Lunch**

13:00-15:00 **Parallel Sessions (Continued)**

15:00-15:30 **Break**

15:30-17:00 **Parallel Sessions (Continued)**

**Wednesday, 16 April 2008 - Plenary**

09:30-10:00 **Morning Coffee**

10:00-11:00 **Reports from Each Session and Discussions on Way Forward**

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-12:00 **Keynote Speech:**

Dr. Rajendra K Pachauri,  
Chairman of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

12:00-12:15 **Closing Address:**

Mr. Kisaburo Tokai, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)

12:15 **Closing Remarks**

Prof. José Achache, GEO Secretariat Director

12:30 **Group Photo Session**