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Barbara Ryan is Secretariat Director of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO). Before becoming GEO Director in July 2012, Ryan served as Director of the World Meteorological Organization Space Programme and prior to this was the Associate Director for Geography at the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia. Barbara holds a Bachelor’s degree in Geology, a Master’s degree in Geography, and a Master’s degree in Civil Engineering. She has been awarded an honorary doctorate of science degree from the State University of New York at Cortland and was recently named an Honorary Fellow of the American Geographical Society. In January 2017, she was one of 10 global leaders to be named for a lifetime award in the Geospatial World Forum’s Hall of Fame. She is one of the few female leaders in this space and works hard to support and inspire her colleagues, including through mentoring young female professionals.

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