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Eye on Earth Initiative

Eye on Earth Mission Statement

To facilitate the sharing of and application of environmental, societal and economic data and information, provided by the diversity of knowledge communities, to support sustainable development.

Eye on Earth – Aims and Objectives

- **Convergence of initiatives** by several organisations that collectively address the global challenge of increasing access to information for a more sustainable future.
- **Facilitates knowledge transfer** through supporting and strengthening existing efforts
- Enhances the sharing and **exchange of environmental, societal and economic data and information**, provided by the diversity of knowledge communities, to support sustainable development
- Through networks, conferences, and community groups Eye on Earth provides a strong basis and opportunity to **work together and pool resources** to provide **decision-making** support for sustainable development

Eye on Earth Summit 2011 - Outcomes

Summit 2011

EAD in partnership with UNEP took the lead to host the first Eye on Earth Summit in December 2011

Summit Outcomes

- 8 Special Initiatives – 3 Foundational and 5 Thematic
- Summit Declaration – endorsed by 48 countries (16 countries + 32 EEA member countries)

Special Initiatives



Special initiatives

Fundamental characteristics include:

- Potential to be an agent of change of historical proportions and impact
- Identified as a compelling and common need across the Eye on Earth Community
- High level support and commitment
- Tangible results can be achieved over the next 2-5 years

Special Initiatives Community

- Currently over 150 organizations and 250 individuals globally from governmental organizations, academia, NGOs, private industry and other interested organizations.
- The SIs are a voluntary group of experts that meet regularly to advance the outcomes set for each SI through collaboration, networking and implementation of projects

Achievements Since EoE Summit 2011

- **June 2012:** Inclusion of Eye on Earth in Para 274. Rio+20 Future we Want Outcome Document
- **July 2012:** Joint Secretariat between Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi/AGEDI and UNEP formalized for coordination and management of the Special Initiatives community engagement
- **March 2013:** Dublin Eye on Earth User Conference, alignment with key stakeholders of a common agenda – need for an Eye on Earth Alliance
- **Dec 2013:** Granted seed funding for selected Special Initiatives projects under the principles of the Eye on Earth Summit Declaration
- **June 2014:** Decision to reconvene for second Eye on Earth Summit in October 2015

Special Initiatives - Milestones

- Sept 2013: Eye on Water Security Meeting: Stockholm, Sweden
- Sept 2013: Eye on Access for All Meeting: Washington DC, USA
- Oct 2013: Eye on Environmental Education Meeting: Manama, Bahrain
- Nov 2013: Eye on Disaster Management Meeting: Geneva, Switzerland
- Nov 2013: Eye on Community Sustainability & Resiliency Meeting: Paris, France
- Dec 2013: Eye on Biodiversity Meeting: Antalya, Turkey
- Nov 2014: Eye on Oceans & Blue Carbon Meeting: Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Nov 2014: Eye on Water Security Meeting: Amman, Jordan

Special initiatives - Projects

- CSR: EcoCitizen World Map-Building Eco Cities
- CSR: GeoSUMR - GeoInformation for Sustainable Urban Management and Resilience
- GNON: The GeoSUR Program, a model regional geospatial network for the Arab region
- Bio: Unlocking Biodiversity Data from Environmental Impact Assessment
- A4A: Implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration
- A4A: Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe Building Bridges between Regions
- A4A: Principle 10 Legal Index -Environmental Democracy Legal Index

Special initiatives - Projects

- Env Ed: GUPES- Global Universities Partnership on Environment and Sustainability, Bridging ICTs and the Environment
- Env Ed: Bridging ICTs and the Environment – capacity building to Environmental Professionals
- DM: FALCON SDI - Strengthening networks & spatial data infrastructure capacity building for more effective disaster planning and response and climate change adaptation
- DM: SIEM - Strengthening Information Infrastructure for Emergency Management