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
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: SIIEM - Strengthening Information Infrastructure for Emergency Management