

**RESOLUTION ON CEOS DISASTER MANAGEMENT SUPPORT AD HOC
WORKING GROUP**

The 13th CEOS Plenary

Recognizing the promise of benefits for natural and technological disaster management support from improved utilization of data from Earth observing satellites;

Noting the strong, positive response to the related, ad hoc pilot project initiated by the CEOS Strategic Implementation Team; and

Noting the outstanding progress of the pilot project in establishing a mechanism for dialogue with international, regional, and national emergency management and other users;

Decides to:

Create a Disaster Management Support Group within the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) as an ad hoc working group, and that it shall report on its activities at the next CEOS Plenary;

Endorse the attached Terms of Reference;

Welcome the offer of NOAA to provide the ad hoc working group's first chair.

Terms of Reference for the Disaster Management Support Ad Hoc Working Group (DMSG)

Membership

Membership in the DMSG is open to all members and associates of CEOS as defined in the CEOS Terms of Reference, as well as to representatives of other organizations who have an interest in the subject.

Objectives

The objective of the DMSG is to support natural and technological disaster management on a worldwide basis by fostering improved utilization of existing and planned Earth observation satellite data.

Specific objectives are to:

1. Provide a forum to promote mutual understanding and dialogue between the wide range of disaster management communities and the space sector;
2. Foster the creation of appropriate information tools and standardized products;
3. Demonstrate and develop suitable response models for coordinated space agency response;
4. Improve identification of and access to useful Earth observation satellite data and products;
5. Investigate and demonstrate possibilities for technical coordination and cooperation for Earth observation satellite systems and their ground systems;
6. Develop and identify specific user requirements for satellite data, derived products, and services in support of disaster management;
7. Develop and refine recommendations for improving the ability of current and planned space systems to meet disaster management user requirements;
8. Work requirements for space segment with SIT; and
9. Participate in the activities of the IGOS Partnership where appropriate.

In particular, the Group will demonstrate the coordination of space agency responses to specific disasters.

Selected Procedures

The DMSG shall meet when appropriate, but at least once per year, rotating venue among members and geographical regions. A Chair shall be designated by the Plenary, and the group will organize itself to carry out its work. The Chair and Secretariat for the DMSG shall prepare and distribute minutes for each meeting. At each meeting of the DMSG, the time, place, and host for the next meeting shall be established.

The DMSG shall coordinate its work with other international groups involved in related activities, as described in the CEOS Terms of Reference. The DMSG shall cooperate

with WGCV and WGISS on activities that support disaster management, and it shall report on its activities to the Plenary.