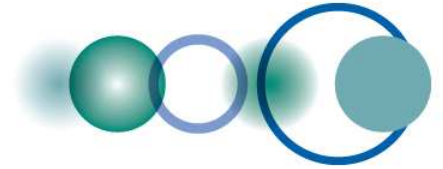


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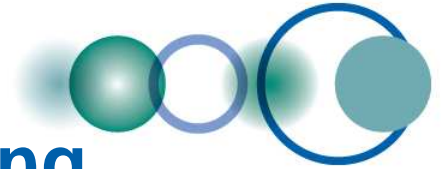


2nd GEO Forest Monitoring Symposium objectives

Discuss and consolidate

- the approach and the operational features of a GEOSS Forest Monitoring System (observations, products, interoperability, and scalability)
- how National Forest activities are related and contribute to it and
- how it will serve different User Communities.

The theme of the 2nd GEO Forest Monitoring Symposium is “From Research to Operations”



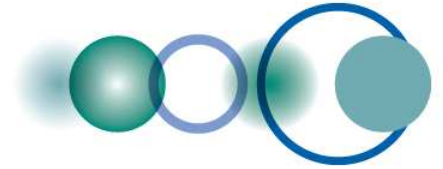
2nd GEO Forest Monitoring Symposium Format

The Symposium is structured in three main sessions

the first providing, through the presentation of several national and regional examples of Forest Monitoring activities a good understanding of system functionalities and performances needed to support a variety of users,

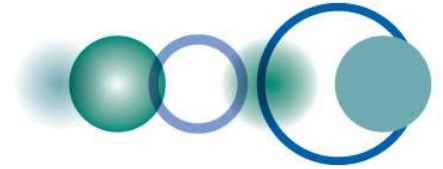
the second discussing the architecture of the system, its main features, its products and services, mainly through discussions within three concurrent *Breakout Groups*

the third defining its main components, reviewing them from a User perspective and discussing development approach options, ensuring coordination and compatibility with other on-going GEOSS developments and other initiatives of global relevance.



2nd Symposium Focus

Starting from the theme “From Research to Operations”, the focus of the Symposium is on the characteristics of the GEOSS Forest Monitoring System and on its suitability in addressing operational needs of the forest user community, here represented by the three Breakout Groups.



Breakout Groups

- The work of each group will be therefore directed in reviewing the performances and characteristics of the GEOSS Forest Monitoring System
- Each group coordinator will present a summary of findings and recommendations to the Plenary.
- Reports and presentations to Plenary should clearly identify, from the point of view of each User Community, existing gaps and proposed improvements in the GEOSS Forest Monitoring System main components,