

GEO User Interface Committee



User Interface Committee (UIC)
Engaging Earth Observation Users in GEO

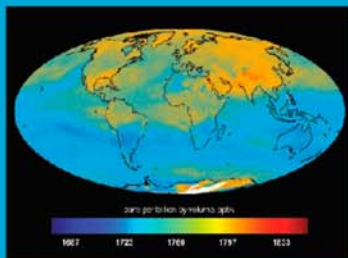


Our Mission

- Engage users who apply Earth observations to benefit society
- Address the needs and concerns of all types of users from all regions of the world
- Foster development and effectiveness of user communities
- Build understanding of user needs and priorities
- Facilitate consideration of user needs during design of Earth observation systems and tools
- Promote use of Earth observations for reducing risk to human welfare and natural resources

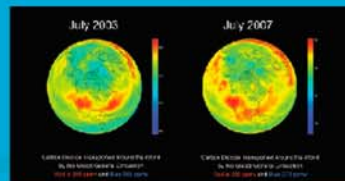
Key UIC Questions

- Who uses Earth observations and how?
- What do users need to do their work better?
- How can we engage the continuum of users in all regions of the world?



During 2009 the UIC:

- Researched which Earth observations users most need in agriculture, biodiversity, climate, disasters, ecosystems, energy, health, water and weather
- Supported GEO's Call for Proposals to identify projects that show how Earth observations can be used to improve policy and management decisions
- Asked users to tell us how the GEO System of Systems could better serve their needs
- Identified 20 priority opportunities to promote user engagement
- Supported emerging Communities of Practice



Should your needs be one of our priorities?

Find out by getting involved:

- Tell us how you use Earth observations
- Help us understand your user needs and priorities
- Participate in a UIC activity
- Join a Community of Practice
- Test GEO's portal prototypes for connecting users to data, tools and services

