

General news

CSIR researchers converge at GEO summit

Ministers and officials from over 100 governments and international organisations assembled in Cape Town on 28-30 November 2007 to advance an internationally-agreed plan for building a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS). The Group on Earth Observations is coordinating efforts to build this GEOSS.



Cape Town

Several CSIR researchers participated in the exhibition and other events at this [Cape Town Ministerial Summit](#), at which outcomes in the earth observation domain were shared with peers from around the world. The following activities took place over the three days:

- CSIR National Resources and the Environment and the Meraka Institute (managed by the CSIR) put together an exhibition to demonstrate cutting-edge technologies in earth observation, hyper-temporal analysis of nature resources and research networking at the Kruger National Park.
- The Meraka Institute had an exhibition demonstrating its work in the research and development of open and distributed technology platforms for earth observation.
- The CSIR Satellite Applications Centre exhibited on the Department of Science and Technology stand.
- As the current chair for the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites, the CSIR hosted a dinner on 29 November 2007 for delegates.

GEO is a voluntary partnership of governments and international organisations. It provides a framework within which these partners can develop new projects and coordinate their strategies and investments. As of November 2007, GEO's members include 72 governments and the European Commission. In addition, 46 intergovernmental, international and regional organisations with a mandate in earth observation or related issues have been recognised as participating organisations.