



# GEO WEEK 2019 MINISTERIAL SUMMIT

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## GEO Week 2019: Information Update July 31

### Registration

**Member and Participating Organization Delegation Lists** are now due to the GEO Secretariat using the form found [here](#).

Following the receipt of delegation lists, official delegates will receive an individual registration link via email which must be completed. For those delegates requiring a visa support letter, this can be obtained through the registration process sent via email.

**Ministers** will soon receive an invitation that includes an RSVP form. It is critical that this is returned indicating that:

- The Minister will attend; or
- They are authorising someone else to represent them at the Summit

Where no such delegation is made the country may still participate and speak but please note: The Member will be lower in the protocol order and will not formally be represented at the Ministerial level.

**Registration is also open for non-delegates** wishing to attend the [Industry Track, Side Events and Exhibition](#). Registration is open [here](#).

- The **Side Events** on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November (free)
- The **Industry Track** on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of November (a registration fee is payable)

**Media must also register** to attend GEO Week 2019 via email to [secretariat@geosec.org](mailto:secretariat@geosec.org)

### GEO Week 2019 Ministerial Summit

With permission of South Africa as Lead Co-Chair for 2019, the Draft Agenda for the GEO Ministerial Summit is now available on the GEO Week 2019 website [here](#). This draft addresses feedback received on the preliminary draft agenda circulated earlier in the year.

Draft copies of the thematic papers for the Ministerial Summit are available for the following sessions:

- [The importance of Earth observations for sustainable economic development](#)
- [Earth observations for developing nations](#)
- [Towards an inclusive and diverse GEO](#)



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### Draft Ministerial Declaration

The Draft Ministerial Declaration text has been circulated to Members for comment **by 6 September available [here](#)**. This round of consultation is restricted to Member governments, but Participating Organisations may work with their Member government representatives.

### GEO-XVI Plenary

The Draft Agenda for the GEO-XVI Plenary is now available on the website [here](#).

### GEO-XVI Plenary Statements

Members and Participating Organisations are invited to submit Written Statements to the GEO-XVI Plenary. These statements will be published on the GEO Week 2019 website and App as they become available, ensuring other delegations have your thoughts on the Plenary discussion topics when they arrive in Canberra. Email your plenary statements to [secretariat@geosec.org](mailto:secretariat@geosec.org)

### Side Events

The programme of Key Side Events and Targeted Side Events is now available on the GEO Week 2019 website [here](#). Side event organisers will continue to provide additional updates so please check the website for the schedule of events.

We are now issuing a call for Affiliated Side Events to be led by members of the GEO community using the form found [here](#).

### Ideas Stage

Proposals for talks on the GEO Week Ideas Stage are still welcome. The Ideas Stage provides an informal platform for short Lightning Talks, use the request form [here](#).

### GEO Week Pacific Island Discussions

We are pleased to announce a suite of activities convened as the GEO Week Pacific Island Discussions, which will focus on how the GEO community can increase its efforts to support the Pacific Island Countries and Territories grow their Earth Observing capabilities.



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The GEO Week Pacific Island Discussions will start on Monday 4 November with a high-level, scene setting Key Side Event with VIP speakers exploring the challenges for the region across three lens: governance, sustainability and technology.

The themes and issues explored in this lively discussion will continue in a series of targeted, outcomes-based discussions and presentations on the Ideas Stage throughout the week. To get involved in participating or leading an activity as part of the GEO Week Pacific Island Discussions please register your interest to [Emma.Luke@ga.gov.au](mailto:Emma.Luke@ga.gov.au) by 10 September 2019.

## Exhibition

The EO Exhibition will host a wide range of Earth observation innovators from around the world showcasing the latest in Earth observation data and technology, and offer a diverse programme of lightning talks and demonstrations for visitors. Any final requests for space in the EO Exhibition are due, as space is almost filled.

Note that we have included low-cost booth options specifically designed for SMMEs, with simple set up. View booth options for the Exhibition [here](#).

## Industry Track

The Industry Track will bring the world's leading tech, space and geospatial companies together with those that need Earth observation-enabled digital products.

The programme for the Industry Track is now available on the GEO Week 2019 website [here](#).

## The EO Industry Platform

The EO Industry Platform provides a platform to pitch a company, product, or innovation. Companies and innovators can now request a spot on the EO Industry Platform by sending an email to [GEOIndustryTrack@ga.gov.au](mailto:GEOIndustryTrack@ga.gov.au)

Member and Participating Organization delegates may attend the Industry Track without a separate registration. Non-delegates must register and a small fee is payable. For more information download the Industry Track Prospectus [here](#).



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## Making Announcements at GEO Week

GEO Week 2019 comes at an important time in the work of GEO. Members and Participating Organizations wishing to announce new investments and commitments to the success of GEO can talk with the GEO Secretariat about how to get the most impact by engaging Media Partners and international and local journalists with your announcements.

## Contact us

The following table highlights key contact points for GEO Week 2019:

Topic	Contact point
Industry Track	<a href="mailto:GEOIndustryTrack@ga.gov.au">GEOIndustryTrack@ga.gov.au</a>
Official Side Events	<a href="mailto:GEOSideEvents@ga.gov.au">GEOSideEvents@ga.gov.au</a>
Member and Participating Organization attendance	<a href="mailto:secretariat@geosec.org">secretariat@geosec.org</a>
Ministerial attendance	<a href="mailto:GEOMinisterial@ga.gov.au">GEOMinisterial@ga.gov.au</a>
Communications (including announcements)	<a href="mailto:secretariat@geosec.org">secretariat@geosec.org</a>
Pacific Engagement	<a href="mailto:Emma.Luke@ga.gov.au">Emma.Luke@ga.gov.au</a>
All other enquiries (including programme)	<a href="mailto:secretariat@geosec.org">secretariat@geosec.org</a>