

# GEOSS Operating Guidelines

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GEOSS operates based upon the plans, guidelines, and principles laid out in the many documents kept at <http://www.earthobservations.org/documents.shtml>. It is administratively overseen by the Group On Earth Observations (GEO).

Particular GEOSS documents important to the SIF include:

- Strategic Guidance Document - This document answers strategic questions for current or potential contributors of GEOSS systems, from the perspective of high-level systems architecture and data management. A companion Tactical Guidance Document (see below) provides more technical information for managers and implementors of systems, data centres, etc.
- Tactical Guidance Document - This document is for technical managers (e.g. of information systems or data centres) seeking to contribute to and benefit from the GEOSS, and explains the process to be followed to ensure that systems are compatible and suitably interfaced to the GEOSS. A companion Strategic Guidance Document (see above) provides high-level advice on systems architecture and data management.

For additional information about GEO and the GEOSS, see <http://earthobservations.org>.