



***Implementing REDD+: Linking guidance, data access, research
& country capacity development.***

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Session Chairs:

Tom Harvey (Global Forest Observations Initiative Office)

Frank Martin Seifert (European Space Agency)

Introduction to GFOI,

Tom Harvey (*GFOI Office*)

GFOI Space Data Coordination and R&D Component

Frank Martin Seifert (*ESA and Co-chair of GFOI Space Data Coordination*)

Methods and Guidance Document (MGD) and REDDcompass

Jim Penman (*Chair of MGD Advisory Group*)

Coordination of Capacity Building

Tom Harvey (*GFOI Office*) on behalf of Inge Jonckheere (*UNREDD*)

MRV Status and REDD+ Plans in Cameroon

Rene Siwe (*REDD+ Technical Secretariat at the Ministry of Environment Cameroon*)

Panel Discussion



GFOI: what is it?



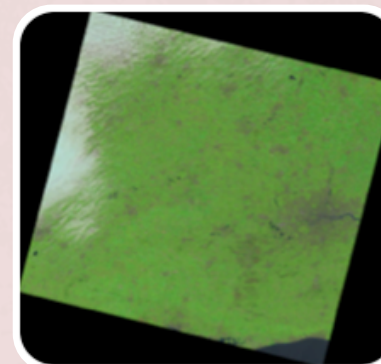
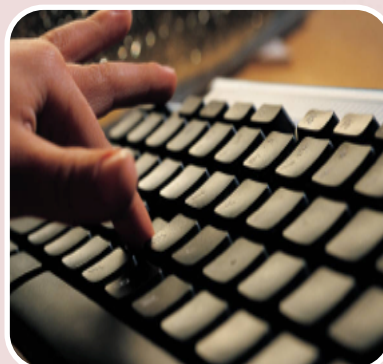
GFOI Open Forum @ ESA in Frascati Italy, Feb 2016



GFOI: why is it needed?



- Founded under Group on Earth Observations (GEO) in 2011
 - First work plan was 2012-13.
 - Operational ever since.
- Lead partners: Australia, Norway, USA, FAO & CEOS
- Experts from UNFCCC, IPCC, World Bank FCPF, GOFC-GOLD, universities, experts and other.



Space Data

- GFOI works with space agencies through CEOS to ensure the long-term, global acquisition of core satellite data
- helps countries meet their individual data needs

Capacity Building

- GFOI provides capacity building in coordination with others such as UN-REDD. It supports the use of satellite and ground data to monitor forests, and estimate GHG emissions.

Methods and Guidance

- Guidance on integrating remote-sensing and ground-based observations for estimation of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases in forests.

R&D Coordination

- Identifying and promoting R&D needed for improved practical, global implementation of National Forest Monitoring

GFOI Office at FAO, Rome

- Coordination and Management