



**AquaWatch, the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) water quality initiative is developing and building the global capacity and utility of Earth Observation-derived water quality data, products and information to support effective monitoring, management and decision making. GEO AquaWatch seeks nominations of individuals to serve on either our Management Team or our Steering Committee for the 2023-2026 triennium. These roles are unpaid and voluntary. Review of applications to serve is expected to commence by March 20, 2023, with notification of selected candidates by April 15, 2023.**

This call seeks individuals from diverse backgrounds and expertise within the water quality community including governmental agencies; academia; industry representatives; and non-governmental-, non-profit-, and intergovernmental-organizations. A variety of stakeholder perspectives is sought for this role - from the data production to the end users.

The call seeks candidates with any of the following expertise:

- Research Interest in the Earth Observation and Water Quality realm
- Responsibility for protection and stewardship of inland and coastal waters;
- Public administration supporting conservation planning, habitat restoration, ecosystem services, sustainable management practices;
- Environmental law and standards, or policy and diplomacy of water quality uses;
- Science communication, education, and outreach;
- Hazard mitigation and disaster response management.

The **Steering Committee** is the main governance body responsible for advising GEO AquaWatch in three areas: strategic direction and securing the funding that supports it; recommending new priority areas; and oversight of operations and policies of the GEO AquaWatch Secretariat in all areas of activity. Serving on the Steering Committee will provide an opportunity to collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders in remote sensing and in-situ water quality, aquatic and estuarine management, aquatic and estuarine policy and sustainable development, and to identify priorities and projects that link water quality observation providers with users. The Steering Committee meets quarterly via teleconference. Steering Committee members serve a 3-year term with the potential for 1-year extension. The expected time commitment is 2-5 hours per month. Please refer to the GEO AquaWatch [Steering Committee Terms of Reference](#).

The **Management Team** ensures the GEO AquaWatch Goals and Objectives are met and carefully considers efforts and activities promoted or endorsed by the Initiative. They are the Working Group Co-Leaders and ensure timely accomplishment and quality control of GEO AquaWatch Workplan Activities undertaken by Working Groups. The Management Team has operational responsibility for the annual workplan activities and leadership of the GEO AquaWatch Initiative WGs. The Management Team meets monthly via teleconference. Management Team members serve a 3-year term with opportunity to be reappointed for a second 3-year term. The expected time commitment is 5-10 hours per month. Please refer to the GEO AquaWatch [Management Team Terms of Reference](#).

Selected nominees will receive invitations to serve from GEO AquaWatch. For additional information about GEO AquaWatch, please see the [GEO AquaWatch website](#).

**Self-nominations are welcome. If you are interested in nominating someone to serve on the GEO AquaWatch Steering Committee or Management Team, please send the name and contact information of your nominee along with a brief statement on the nominee's experience and expertise relevant to GEO AquaWatch (LinkedIn Profile, CV, resume or websites links) to [mbneely@geoaquawatch.org](mailto:mbneely@geoaquawatch.org) with the subject line "Nomination for GEO AquaWatch Management Team" or "Nomination for GEO AquaWatch Steering Committee" before March 20, 2023.**