AquaWatch, the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) water quality initiative seeks to improve the coordination, delivery and utilization of water quality earth observations for the benefit of society. GEO AquaWatch seeks nominations of individuals to serve on either our Management Team or our Steering Committee beginning in January 2027. These roles are unpaid and voluntary. This is open until filled.

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 experience levels and stakeholder perspectives are sought - from the data production to the end users - representing all geographic regions and all levels of experience, and preference may be given to past or present members of GEO AquaWatch. **Indigenous and traditional water quality knowledge holders and those who self-identify as Early Career water quality professionals (including the Global South) are encouraged to apply.**

The call seeks candidates with any of the following expertise:

- Research or Indigenous Knowledge interest in Water Quality and Earth Observation
- Natural resource protection and stewardship of inland and coastal waters;
- Conservation planning, habitat restoration, ecosystem services, or sustainable management practices;
- Data sovereignty, environmental law and policy, or diplomacy of water quality uses;
- Science communication, education, and outreach;
- Hazard mitigation and disaster response management.

The **Steering Committee** is the main oversight 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. Candidates for the Steering Committee should be active attendees of international science and policy meetings and well-positioned to connect GEO AquaWatch to funders and policy-makers (through their professional affiliation or volunteer associations). The Steering Committee meets quarterly via teleconference. Steering Committee members serve a 4-year term with the potential for 1-year extension. The expected time commitment is 1-3 hours per month (maximum). Please refer to the GEO AquaWatch Steering Committee Terms of Reference.

The **Management Team** ensures the GEO AquaWatch Goals and Objectives are met annually, and carefully considers efforts and activities promoted or endorsed by GEO AquaWatch. Management Team members 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 meets monthly via teleconference. Management Team members have opportunities 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.Management Team members serve a 3-year term with opportunity to be reappointed for a second 3-year term. The expected time commitment is 2-5 hours per month. Please refer to the GEO AquaWatch Management Team Terms of Reference.

Applications received by November 20th will be given priority. Selected nominees will receive emailed invitations to serve from the GEO AquaWatch Secretariat. Application review is expected to commence by December 1st, 2026, with notification of those selected by January 10th, 2027.

Self-nominations are welcome. Application Instructions: If you are interested in nominating someone to serve on the GEO AquaWatch Steering Committee or Management Team, by the deadline please send the **name and email of your nominee along with and brief statement on the nominee's experience and expertise relevant to GEO Aquawatch (LinkedIn Profile, CV, resume or websites links) to mbneely@geoaquawatch.org** and indicate in the subject line which opportunity you wish to be considered for (e.g. "Nomination for GEO AquaWatch Management Team" or "Nomination for GEO AquaWatch Steering Committee").