

# Scope & Purpose of Meeting

*'Satellite environmental information in support of Development Aid Activities in European Aid Agencies'*

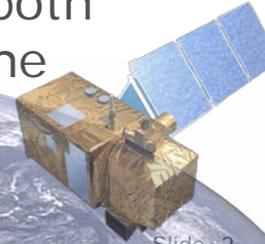
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## Background : Objectives & Rationale

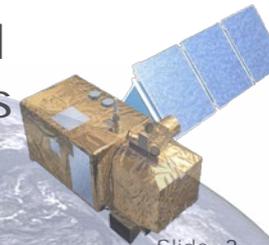
- **Main Objective** : an opportunity for significantly increased use of EO-based environmental information in Development Aid/Assistance (ODA) working processes and practices,
- Initial focus of ESA activities has been on International Financing Institutions (**IFIs**) e.g. *WB, IFAD, ADB, IADB*, during 2010-2015.
  - > Driving Global/Regional ODA agenda,
  - > Investing in tools & analysis supporting better aid policies & implementation,
  - > Significant sphere of economic activity (*US\$ 142.6 B in 2016*).
- **Rationale** : the EO capabilities of Europe are world-leading; both EO missions (ESA/EC Copernicus, EUMETSAT, National) and the (highly-skilled) EO downstream information services sector.



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## Wider Interest in EO within the SD Context

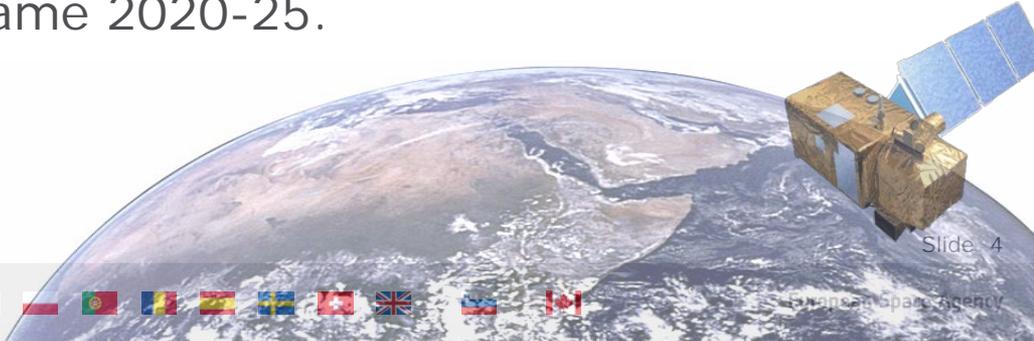
- **SDGs** : Driving the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
- Increased interest from **Space Agencies** for a coordinated approach : CEOS White Paper on IFIs (Oct 2017), CEOS 1-page statement on IFIs (Oct 2017), CEOS EO Handbook on SD (end-2017),
- Increased **Political interest** from international Govts/organisations: GEO XIV Plenary session on IFIs (Oct 2017),
- Within Europe, ESA-EOP have been contacted by national Aid Agencies **GIZ (D) & AFD (F)** interested in discussing actions needed to promote further uptake of EO,



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## *Purpose of this Meeting*

- A **first exploratory** meeting with those interested European national Aid and Space agencies to open dialogue at European level,
- **Take stock** of the current opportunities, share information and experiences,
- Begin a discussion to collectively identify the **key issues and actions** needed to grow the use of EO in the development aid sector in the longer-term, potentially through a new, dedicated ESA program for the time-frame 2020-25.



# Any Potential Future ESA Activity on SD



Very clear **pre-requisites** from ESA Member States :

- ◆ Must be accredited as **ODA-compatible** by OECD, therefore allowing the possible use of ODA-financing to support activities,
- ◆ Must have **credible engagement** of Development Aid partners (IFIs, ODA Agencies); i.e. matching contribution via alignment of financing resources/activities (could be in capacity-building in developing countries, falls neatly into IFI mandate).
- ◆ Must **not be in competition** to activities carried out nationally in EU Member States; ESA should be operating internationally in and beyond Europe.



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## Next Steps

- ESA **will** report on the outcomes of this meeting to the next meeting of the Earth Observation Programme Board (PB-EO), Feb 15/16 at ESRIN,
- ESA **will** meet with OECD Feb 09 in Paris to explore further the ODA accreditation process,
- ESA **will** continue cooperation with the IFIs, and **could** develop further dialogue and cooperation with European national Aid Agencies & DEVCO throughout 2018/19 with a view to implementing a longer-term program of work in 2020-25 to expand the use of EO in this sector (depending on level of interest).

