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Dear Colleagues,

A Call for Participation (CFP) for the GEO Standards and Interoperability Forum (SIF) is being issued by the team of Task AR-07-01. The CFP document is available at: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Projects/GEO/SIF/>

The SIF will provide advice, expertise and impartial guidance on issues relating to standards and interoperability for the Global Earth Observing System of Systems (GEOSS). This Call is for both participation in the core SIF team and for identification of interested subject matter experts. Responses are sought from all disciplines and sectors having interests in GEOSS. Respondents are also encouraged to identify standards in Earth Observation and information systems to be considered by the SIF for the GEO Standards and Interoperability Registry.

A teleconference to discuss clarifications of the CFP will be held on 21 June at 1300 UTC. To register for the teleconference or ask questions about the CFP, contact Siri Jodha Singh Khalsa at [sirijodha.khalsa@ieee.org](mailto:sirijodha.khalsa@ieee.org).

Responses to the Call for Participation should be sent by **29 June 2007** to the above email address. Individuals and organizations responding to this CFP are expected to attend an initial meeting to be held 27 July 2007 in Barcelona, Spain as well as one of two operational meetings which will be held in the fall, in conjunction with regional events planned in the build up to the Cape Town GEO Summit, either 17-19 September in Brazil and/or 10-12 October in Beijing, China.

Interoperability will be a critical contribution to the success of GEOSS implementation and, hence, I strongly encourage your organization to respond to this Call for Participation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'José Achache'.

José Achache  
Secretariat Director