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Water Resources Management

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Pooling the data into intersectoral governance for incountry implementation



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The dual role of EO for implementing the 2030 Agenda





 Many water related issues/indicators not easy to assess at basin/national level with traditional survey data → EO can provide harmonized transboundary/national information

Motivation



 There is a new generation of satellite sensors becoming available which deliver free and open data with unprecedented spatial and temporal resolutions

 These data, combined with data from long-term archives, can and should be put into practice to support water resource management

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Free and open data policy

Zimbabwe water resource assessment Monthly updates on surface water area with Sentinel data



2016

2017

Inundation frequency Identifying flood prone areas in Myanmar



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	- 90
	- 80
	- 70
	- 60
	- 50
	- 40
	- 30
	- 20
	- 10
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Water licensing in Malawi National mapping of irrigation with Sentinel-2



- To regulate the amount of domestic water use, Malawi have developed and implemented a water licensing system
- EO is used to prepare a national map of irrigated areas to compare with the actual licensed area and identification of non-licensed water usage
- Improved information for investment and management capacity for irrigation services

Wetlands Monitoring with Earth Observation Data SDG reporting on indicator 6.6.1



Wetland extents for SDG 6.6.1 Uganda Landing Map DHI Pian Upe Game Rese ~ Select scale to display statistics for Namalı Districts Region layer Wetland Mappings Wetland extents 2017 Permanent water (1) Wetlands (2) Seasonal wetlands (3) Kapchorwa Occasional wetlands (4) Chebone Wetland extents 2011 (beta) Supporting Layers S2 Cloudfree mosaic udadiri Mount Elgo National Par Nakaloke < Laboot Budaka Namasaga Ndalike Namabuga GLOBAL PA Namutumba Nakibungulia FOR SUSTAINABL embatia

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Towards efficient "big data" exploitation platforms





Conclusions



- National/basin wide monitoring with open access EO data allow for cost-effective monitoring in support of sustainable water resources management
- EO is especially useful in many developing countries where reliable geo-spatial information on water and land resources is scarce
- To ensure the sustainability at the national level there is a need to promote best practice methodologies and tools which can be operated and maintained within the institutional, technical and financial means of development countries



Detection and documentation of changes over time



The ability to observe the land surface dynamics over time is essential for the statistical reporting, analysis and communication on land and water resources



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About EO4SD



- EO4SD Earth Observation for Sustainable Development is an ESA initiative started in spring 2016 and focusing on top-priority international development issues including water resource management
- The main objective of the EO4SD on water resource management is to demonstrate the benefit and utility of EO-based information in support of in support of IWRM in the context of international development projects and activities

EO4SD will work together with major International Finance Institutions (IFIs) and their client states during 2017-2019 period