



World Geospatial Industry Council

HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

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WGIC UPDATES

Season's Greetings From WGIC



As 2025 comes to a close, we would like to thank our members, partners, and colleagues across the global geospatial community for their continued trust and collaboration. This year marked important milestones for WGIC, including the launch of our flagship event **Horizons** and the continued growth of **Horizons+ Dinners**, deepening the dialogue and shared purpose across the ecosystem.

As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with optimism and a clear focus on advancing geospatial impact together. We wish you a joyful holiday season and a purposeful 2026!

Horizons 2026 Heading To London



Following the strong momentum and meaningful conversations sparked at Horizons 2025, WGIC is preparing for the next edition of its flagship global event. On June 2, 2026, Horizons will arrive in London, welcoming leaders, innovators, and decision-makers from across the geospatial ecosystem for a focused day of dialogue, exchange, and forward-looking perspectives on the future of our industry.

Save the date: June 2, 2026, at 8 Bishopsgate, London.

Speaker announcements for Horizons 2026 will be released in early January. Pre-registration will open soon. Keep an eye on your inbox and visit wgic-horizons.live for early access and updates as we move closer to Horizons 2026.

AWS Becomes The First Alliance Member Of WGIC



WGIC is pleased to welcome Amazon Web Services (AWS) as its first Alliance Member. AWS brings unparalleled cloud expertise, global scale, and a deep commitment to advancing geospatial capabilities across sectors.

Alliance Members of WGIC are leading companies and organizations that work closely with the geospatial and Earth observation sector across multiple industries, enhancing the value chain for the entire ecosystem.

Thier membership strengthens WGIC's mission to foster collaboration, drive responsible innovation, and accelerate the global adoption of geospatial technologies.

HORIZONS PODCAST VIDEOS

[The Diversity Of Ideas Coming From Geovation Startups Is Brilliant](#)

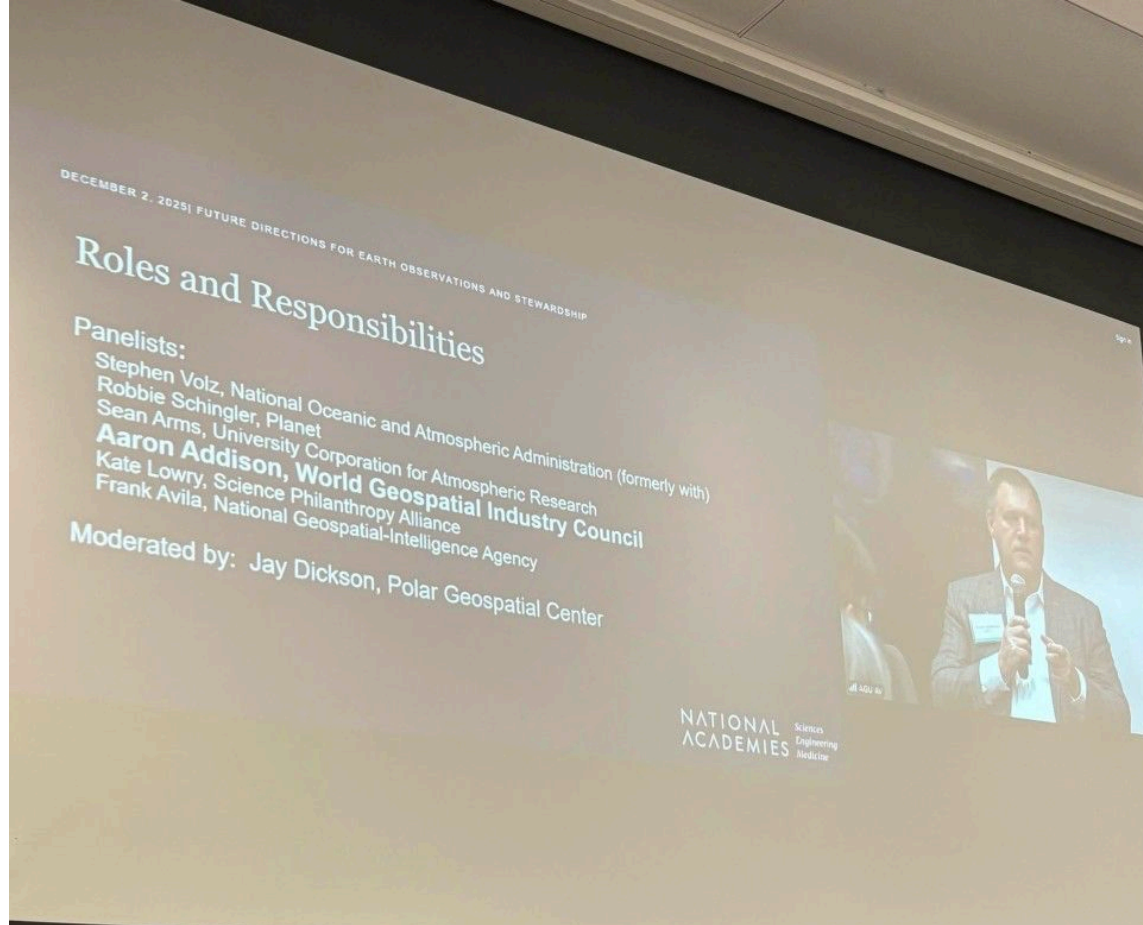


Gareth Sumner, Head of Geovation at Ordnance Survey, in conversation with Andy Coote, Chief Executive of ConsultingWhere, explores how innovation hubs such as Geovation bridge the gap between fast-moving start-ups and established public sector institutions. The episode examines how Geovation supports entrepreneurs in utilizing geospatial and property data to solve real-world problems, why long-term commitment is essential for start-up success, and how experimentation, risk-taking, and collaboration help shape the future direction of the geospatial industry.

[Watch here](#)

EVENTS & OUTREACH

[Aaron Addison On Collaboration And Governance In The Earth Observation Ecosystem](#)



WGIC Executive Director Aaron Addison participated in the National Academies' workshop on the Future of Earth Observation and Data Stewardship, held at the American Geophysical Union in Washington, DC. The two-day program brought together stakeholders from government, research, and industry to examine leadership, coordination, and long-term stewardship across the Earth observation ecosystem. The discussions highlighted both the complexity of the challenges ahead and the strong momentum created through collaborative dialogue, with WGIC contributing industry perspectives and engaging with partners to help shape the path forward.

Helen Gilmartin Attends Bentley Systems' Digital Delivery Session: Construction Edition in Dublin



WGIC Associate Director Helen Gilmartin attended Bentley Systems' Digital Delivery Session: Construction Edition in Dublin, a focused session exploring how digital technologies are reshaping the way infrastructure is designed, built, and managed. The session showcased how Bentley's cutting-edge Digital Twin technology is reshaping urban infrastructure systems, enabling smarter design decisions, streamlined project delivery, and more sustainable operations.

WGIC Moderates Dialogue On Location Intelligence And Resilient Mobility

WGIC Executive Director moderated a session of the Harnessing Location Intelligence webinar series, bringing together expert perspectives on the role of geospatial insights in urban mobility and infrastructure resilience. The discussion explored practical applications of location intelligence in government decision-making, highlighting how data-driven approaches can support more resilient, efficient, and future-ready mobility systems.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[World Economic Forum | January 19, 2026](#)
[Geo Week | February 16-18, 2026](#)
[Esri Ireland Conference | April 29, 2026](#)

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