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WGIC UPDATES

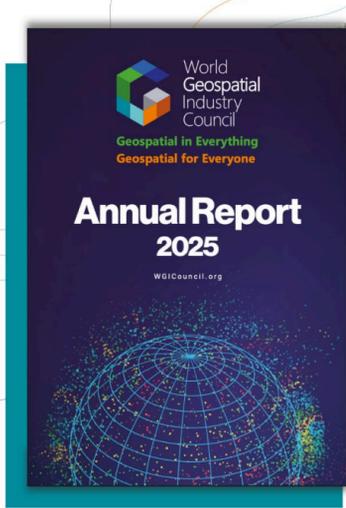
Countdown to Horizons 2026 Begins



Less than 100 days remain until [Horizons 2026](#), our flagship industry event, taking place on June 2, 2026, at 8 Bishopsgate, London. Registration is now open. We are inviting WGIC members, partners, tech and business leaders from the broader geospatial community to come together for a day of dialogue, forward-looking discussions on how geospatial scales from technology capability to critical infrastructure for organizations.

[Register Now!](#)

[WGIC Annual Report 2025 Is Now Available](#)



[DOWNLOAD THE REPORT](#)

2025 – From Momentum to Measurable Impact



WGIC Annual Report 2025 reflects a focus on delivery, collaboration, and measurable impact across its activities. It highlights how the collective efforts of WGIC members, officers, the Board, and committees, supported by the Secretariat, are advancing shared priorities and strengthening industry-wide progress.

Our sincere thanks to everyone across the WGIC community for their commitment, and contributions throughout the year. Your continued engagement and collaboration make this work possible.

Explore our key achievements, advocacy and awareness creation through event outreach, committee work, and digital media outreach.

[Download the report](#)

[WGIC Signs MoU With CEPT Research and Development Foundation \(CRDF\)](#)



WGIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the CEPT Research and Development Foundation (CRDF) to strengthen collaboration between industry and academia across research, skills development, and applied geospatial initiatives. The partnership aims to connect global industry perspectives with academic expertise to support innovation, expand talent pathways, and advance capacity building within the geospatial ecosystem.

Through this collaboration, WGIC and CRDF will work together to promote knowledge exchange, workforce development, and initiatives that align geospatial innovation with national and global priorities.

[Accelerating from Data To Decisions In The Geospatial Industry](#)



In this new blog, Aaron Addison, WGIC Executive Director, explores how AI, Earth observation, and digital twins are shifting the industry toward decision-grade geospatial intelligence that data leaders can trust, defend, and act on. From climate resilience to infrastructure and financial risk, the future of geospatial is about turning insight into action.

[Read the full blog.](#)

[Balancing Economic Growth And Environmental Stewardship With Geospatial Innovation](#)



The WGIC Project Funding & Sustainability Committee endeavors to strengthen the global geospatial investment landscape through financial innovation, responsible growth, and targeted industry outreach.

The latest blog brings together details from the Committee's ongoing work to advance new funding pathways for geospatial innovation, spanning engagement with investors, exploration of emerging financing models, and dialogue across industry and public-sector stakeholders. It reflects how these efforts are helping shape a clearer understanding of sustainable investment approaches that support both economic growth and environmental stewardship across the geospatial ecosystem.

[Read the full blog.](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT VIDEOS

[Babs Dumont, Merkator: Every Location Has A Story. We Bring It To Life](#)



Babs Dumont, ESG Officer at Merkator Group, shares how the company brings location data to life across telecom, utilities, governments, and the private sector. She highlights solutions such as Marlin DT for fiber rollout, Eaglebe for smarter city permitting, and Belmap as a trusted 3D digital twin data product. Babs also discusses Merkator's experience in AI, its ESG commitment, global growth plans, and engagement with WGIC to support responsible progress in the geospatial industry.

[Watch here.](#)

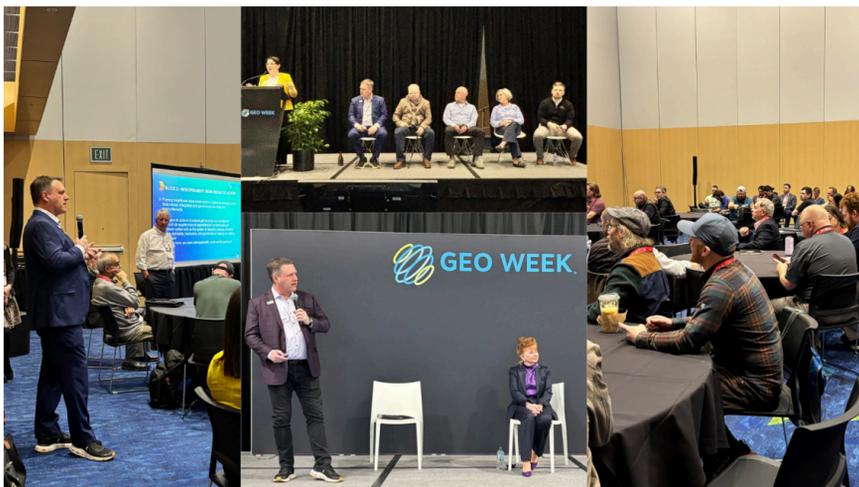
PARTNER EVENT



GEO Business 2026 has opened its call for speakers, inviting visionaries, innovators, and boundary-pushers from across the geospatial sector to present at Excel London on 3-4 June 2026 before over 6,100 professionals and 110+ leading brands celebrating advancements in location technology. The event prioritises fresh ideas, rising talent, and underrepresented perspectives, strongly encouraging first-time speakers to apply as part of its commitment to building a more inclusive and representative geospatial community. Interested speakers can submit their proposals via the GEO Business website at www.geobusinessshow.com/speaking-at-geo-business, with entries closing on 27 February 2026.

EVENTS & OUTREACH

[WGIC Contributes To Industry-wide Conversations At Geo Week 2026](#)



WGIC took an active part in Geo Week 2026 through a series of engagements that brought members, partners, and the wider geospatial community together around innovation, automation, and workforce development. WGIC convened two roundtables — Data to Decisions and Building the Next Geospatial Workforce — alongside two sessions, The Next Decade of Geospatial Innovation and Tracking the Talent, while maintaining strong engagement at the WGIC booth throughout the event.

[Read more.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Esri Ireland Conference | April 29, 2026](#)

[Horizons 2026 | June 2, 2026](#)

[Geo Business | June 3, 2026](#)

[UCGIS Symposium | June 15, 2026](#)

[Innovate4Cities | June 21, 2026](#)

[AWWA ACE | June 21, 2026](#)

[EO Summit | June 22, 2026](#)

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