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**VACANCY NOTICE NO: 2172**  
**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 28 February 2022**

POST	GRADE	DUTY STATION	COMMENCEMENT OF DUTY	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT
In Situ Data Specialist	P3	Geneva, Switzerland	1 April 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter	Fixed-term - 2 years

<b>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT</b> Group on Earth Observations Secretariat	The GEO Secretariat is committed to achieving diversity and a balanced workforce. Applications are welcome from qualified women and men, including those with disabilities. The statutory retirement age after 1 January 2014 is 65. For external applicants, only those who are expected to complete the term of appointment will normally be considered.
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<b>DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES</b> Working under the responsibility of the Chief Work Programme Coordinator, coordinate efforts to promote sharing of, and access to, in situ data, particularly in support of the GEO Work Programme, including:  (a) Support cross-coordination of global and regional data provider and owner networks and organizations; (b) Advocate further adoption of open data policies as exemplified in the GEO Data Sharing Principles and Data Management Principles; (c) Support efforts toward the integration of observing systems by facilitating integration of data from space-based and in situ platforms; (d) Increase knowledge and awareness of GEO Members, Participating Organizations and other stakeholders regarding the importance of in situ data and their integration with remotely-sensed data in the development of global and regional applications for evidence-based decision making; (e) Develop and promote GEO's position with respect to open standards, open data cubes and other open information systems through partner engagement and the GEO Work Programme; (f) Encourage and assist efforts to improve the sustainability, reliability and continuity of key in situ observing systems and networks, particularly in data-sparse regions; (g) Encourage the use of relevant new and developing observation techniques and methods, such as citizen science initiatives and green sensors, to close prioritized in situ data gaps; (h) Provide guidance and support to the GEO Data Working Group; (i) Carry out other relevant duties as required.	<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>  <b>Education</b> Master's degree or equivalent in Computer or Data Sciences, Geoinformatics, Environmental Sciences or related areas.  <b>Experience</b> A minimum of 5 years of relevant experience in an international setting with proven experience in projects dealing with Earth observations, spatial database infrastructures, API development, open standards for geospatial data and services. Experience within situ data collection and management. Knowledge of policy, legal and ethical considerations related to in situ data management would be an advantage. Knowledge of cloud computing environments in relation to data management and web application development platforms also desirable.  <b>Other requirements</b> Excellent interpersonal skills, comfortable in a multicultural environment, flexible and able to handle pressure. Ability to write clearly and succinctly. Strong written and oral communications skills, effective in representation and liaison with external parties. Ability to work in a multicultural environment and to foster diversity and team spirit.  <b>Languages</b> Excellent knowledge of English (both oral and written). Knowledge of other official languages of the Organization would be an advantage.  (Note: The official languages of the Organization are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.)
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The GEO Secretariat Director may appoint a candidate at a grade below the advertised grade of the post, with the possibility of promotion to that grade within three years of appointment, subject to satisfactory appraisal of performance.

Possibility of renewal within the GEO Secretariat only pending satisfactory performance after an initial probationary period of one year which can be extended up to a maximum of two years.

<b>SALARY AND ALLOWANCES</b>  Annual net base salary on initial appointment is: US\$ 62120  Annual post adjustment on initial salary is: US\$ 46466 (in addition to the net base salary)
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**Additional Information:**  
Only applicants in whom GEO has a further interest will be contacted.  
Shortlisted candidates may be required to sit a written assessment and/or an interview.

**Date of issue of vacancy notice: 31 January 2022**