

# **The Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) of the International Association of Geodesy – Objectives and Status**

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## **SUMMARY**

The International Association of Geodesy installed the Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) in July 2003 during the XXIII General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) in Sapporo, Japan, as IAG's first and only Association project. IAG Projects are, according to its bylaws, of broad scope and of highest interest for the entire field of geodesy. They serve as the flagship of the Association for a long period (decade or longer).

Directly after the Sapporo 2003 meeting an initial phase of GGOS was set up by nominating a Project Board. The first meeting of this Board took place before the EGU General Assembly, Nice, April 24, 2004. During this meeting the objectives were revised and the first structure was installed nominating initial chairpersons.