

The Role of Earth Observations in Developing Indicators for the Post- 2015 Development Agenda: Starting a Dialogue

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- 1. Use of Earth Observations in National Statistical Systems –** Enrique Ordaz, Integration, Analysis and Research, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), Mexico
- 2. Integrating Traditional Data with Data from Earth Observation for Monitoring Water SDGs –** Rifat Hossain, World Health Organization
- 3. Satellite Earth Observation: Powerful Tool for SDG Monitoring –** Chu Ishida, Satellite Applications Mission Directorate, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

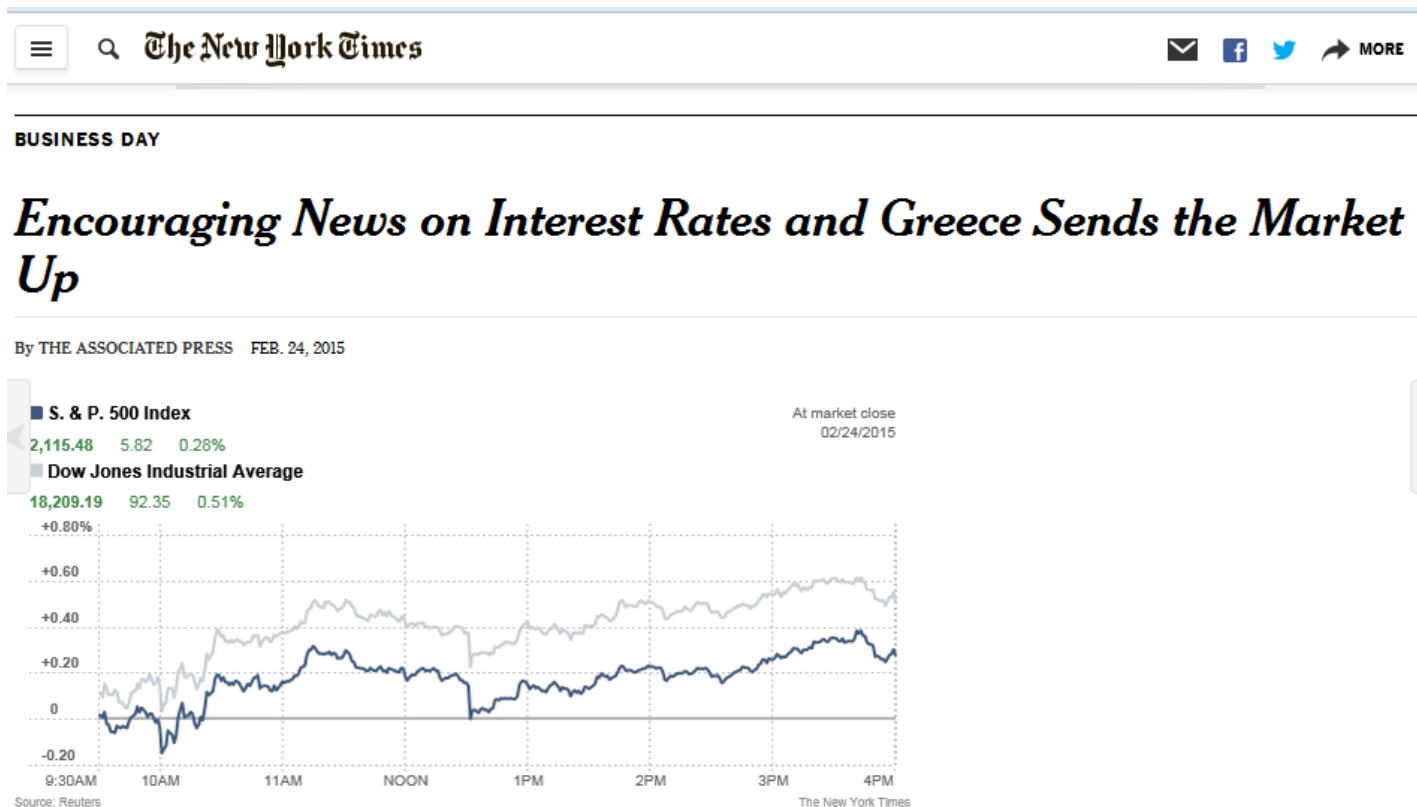
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Context: The Role of Earth Observations in Developing Indicators

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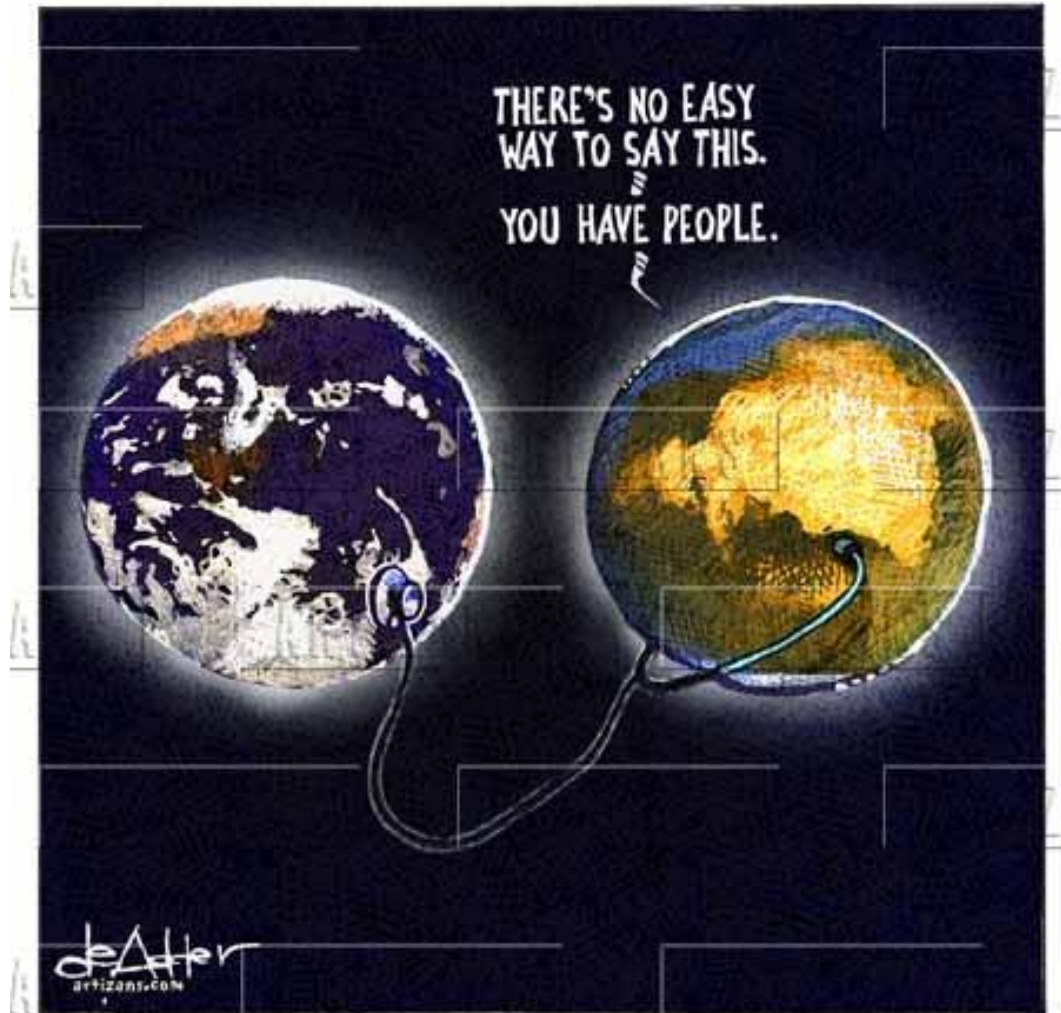
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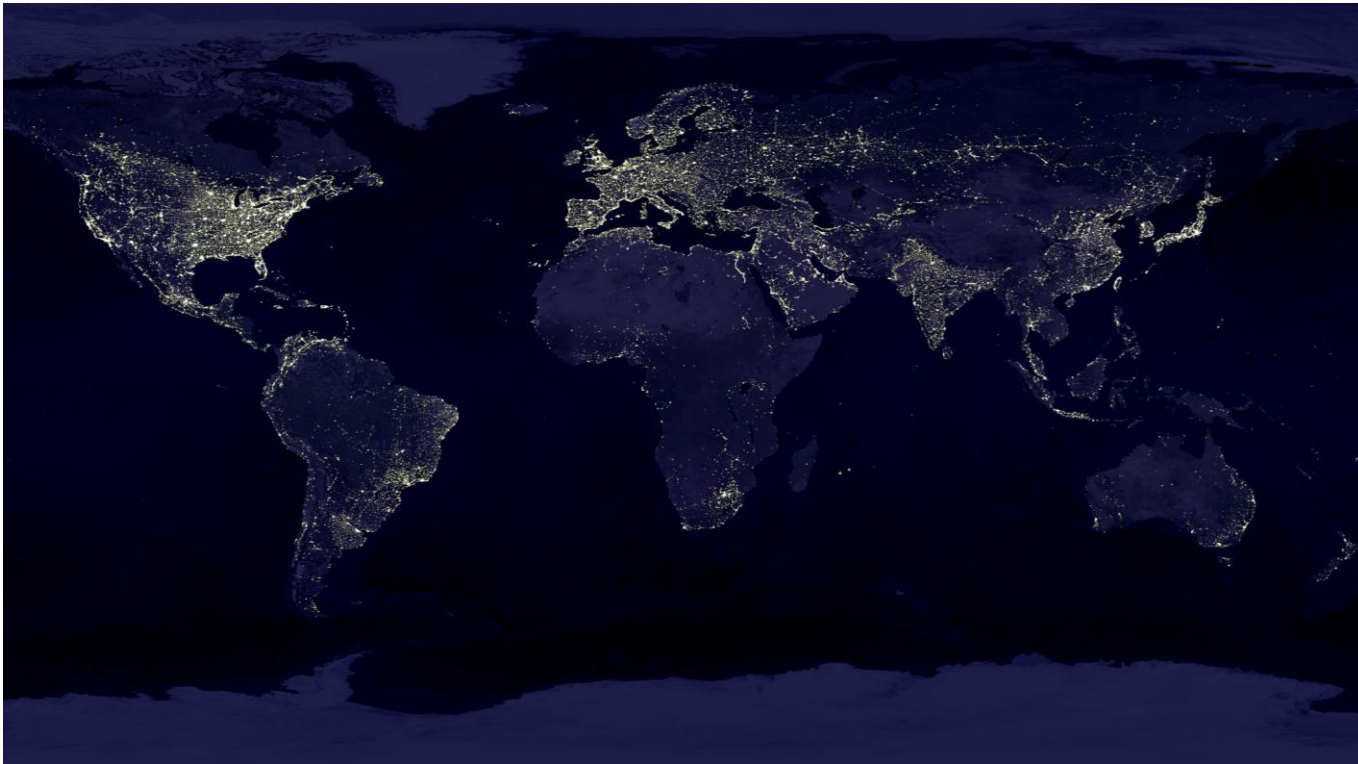
We rely on health indicators to manage our personal health.



**We need good
indicators on the
status of the
Earth and all of
its residents!**



**Earth Observations give us the perspectives
and detailed data we need for policy-relevant
sustainable development indicators.**



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The examples to be presented here today illustrate how existing EO capabilities are already being used in real-world decision making, and could be utilized to support the post-2015 development framework.

Thank you

