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## Background

Since 1993, the International GNSS Service (IGS) has carried out its mission to advocate for and provide freely and openly available high-precision GNSS data, as well as derived operational data products, including satellite ephemerides, Earth rotation parameters, station coordinates, satellite and station clock biases, station troposphere estimates, worldwide ionosphere maps, etc. The IGS is a self-governed, voluntary federation of contributing organizations from around the world that collectively operate a global infrastructure of tracking stations, data centers and analysis centers to provide high quality GNSS data products. Each participating organization contributes its own resources, and there is no central source of funding.

The IGS products and station data are provided openly for the benefit of all scientific, educational, and commercial users. For 25 years, IGS data and products have been made openly available for use without restriction, and continue to be offered free of cost or obligation. In turn, users are encouraged to participate in the IGS, or otherwise contribute by promoting its values, standards, goals and advancing its strategic plan.

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International research is increasingly dependent on access to quality-assured data across multiple scientific domains, in particular to tackle the pressing challenges of sustainability and the resilient management of our planet (an element of GGOS). In unison with the concept of Open Data, it is vital that the data underlying scientific research are properly preserved and fully and openly shared to facilitate scrutiny and reuse. The IGS meets these challenges via its internationally distributed Global Data Centers.

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