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You are invited to the
CSIS GLOBAL SPACE AGENDA

FEATURING

VADM Conrad Lautenbacher

Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

on the topic

***GEOSS, Systems-of-systems and
International Cooperation***

While under the leadership of then-Secretary of State Colin Powell, and the current NOAA Administrator, former Navy Vice Admiral Conrad Lautenbacher, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration has spearheaded an international effort to establish the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) to coordinate international remote sensing activities related to the environment and earth observation. Since then, the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) was created with the goal of collecting and disseminating environmental data, information, and models to policy and decision makers around the world for the benefit of all nations. The remote sensing data collected from the GEOSS satellites have greatly contributed to weather forecasting, water resource management, biodiversity conservation capabilities, and, in particular, data from GEOSS has helped us to better understand the nature of climate change. The success of GEOSS has drawn suggestions that the same system of systems approach to earth observation could be further applied to other areas of space, including space exploration. Registration and continental breakfast start at 1:00 pm, with welcome remarks at 1:30 pm.

The CSIS Global Space Agenda is a forum provided for interested national parties in current and emerging space-faring nations to discuss their progress as well as potential interest in engagement with other groups. Given the recent resurgent interest in space exploration around the globe – from renewed visions and commitments for exploration programs to bold new space programs in all space faring nations, it is now time for international reengagement to harness cooperation for the lasting benefit of exploration. These meetings of the Global Space Agenda are intended to augment existing dialog among international partners by providing a new, neutral venue for discussion, one in which all interested sectors can communicate openly and directly with each other.

Monday, April 9, 2007

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Registration 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

1800 K Street, NW

B-1 Conference Level

Please RSVP (acceptances only) to G. Ryan Faith by e-mailing HSEI@CSIS.org

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