Background
- IAG institution for evolving methods for highest level accuracy of observations
- GGOS integrates observation techniques
- GGOS engages the community of governmental and scientific institutions
- GGOS supports the understanding of the physical nature of the Earth
- GGOS endorses space research
- GGOS became a partner member of WDS in January 2016

References

Organizational framework
- IAG institution
- Bureau of Networks and Observations (BNO)
- Bureau of Products and Standards (BPS)
- Science Panel
- Focus Areas (Height, Geohazards, Sea Level)

Technical infrastructure
- Stations, observing
- Data centers, checking and archiving
- Analysis centers, generating products
- Users, using data and products for own applications

Management of data, products, and services
- Open data policy
- Observation data from GNSS, laser, VLBI, DORIS and gravity
- Kept in long-term archives
- Main operations of retrieval by robots
- Mostly standardized naming and formats
- Products derived from data combination
- ISO standards where applicable

Successes
- Include gravity into list of observations
- Definition of the results of “super-sites”
- Metadata definition started

Challenges
- Distribution of “super-sites”
- Fix catalogue of metadata
- Connection to governments
- Common reference
- Exchange procedures to replace ftp

Best Practices
- Open data policy
- Coordination of work of services
- Usability for different scientific and environmental applications