



GSDI
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GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

GILBERTO CÂMARA

The global citizen award recognizes individuals that have provided exemplary thought leadership and substantive worldwide contributions in promoting informed and responsible use of geographic information and geospatial technologies for the benefit of humanity and for fostering spatial data infrastructure developments that support sustainable social, economic, and environmental systems integrated from local to global scales.

Gilberto is a truly exceptional global citizen. He has served the needs of others internationally and globally by:

- leading the establishment of a free and open access policy for data and products produced by Brazil's National Institute for Space Research (INPE) under which more than 1.5 million satellite images have been distributed,
- leading efforts in the implementation of the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) whereby government agencies across the globe have been encouraged and motivated to follow similar open access data policies,
- supporting team efforts at INPE in achieving large advances in forest monitoring through use of Earth orbiting satellites that have led to a major decrease in deforestation in Amazonia and whereby Brazil has become recognized as the standard-bearer for deforestation tracking and reporting,
- furthering the advancement and development of spatial data infrastructure and geospatial technologies in Brazil and making those technologies readily accessible to all of the planet and particularly for users in developing nations, and
- contributing unselfishly of time and effort as a dominant thought leader in convincing governments across the globe to open up access to their geospatial and environmental information.

As a result of his passionate leadership and persistent pursuit of rational decision-making based on scientific and ethical principles, the planet is much improved from both citizen access and environmental perspectives.

In service to the discipline, in the betterment of lives for others, and in friendship, the GSDI Association hereby recognizes *Gilberto Câmara* as an *exemplary global citizen*.

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