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GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

JACQUELINE MCGLADE

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.

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

- leading the European Environmental Agency through a challenging 10-year period of rapid growth in membership and resources to address environmental issues across the agency's now 32 member states, while participating in environmental projects and initiatives in 60 countries globally,
- recognizing the value of citizen science and crowd sourcing for encouraging direct citizen participation in collecting and disseminating environmental information,
- strongly advocating new technologies to improve information gathering, analysis, integration and dissemination, at local, national and global levels,
- fostering systems to provide citizens with access to environmental information, including the Eye on Earth in 2008, recognised in the 2012 Rio+20 summit declaration as a key public information platform on the environment, and currently,
- leading the Eye on Earth Alliance and Network, which aims to become a global public information service, bringing together knowledge communities around the world to share data and information, and to help build sustainable solutions for the future,

As a result of her fervent belief in the value of collecting and integrating environmental information at local, national and global levels, and her drive in creating the means to share that information with the global community, especially citizens, our planet has a better chance of surviving the environmental challenges ahead.

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

David Coleman, President, GSDI Association
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