## AGU's perspective

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A robust practice of Earth and space science is critical for society. Many of the issues facing society, from global transportation, use of resources, environmental stewardship, addressing climate change, and around food, energy, and water use are global issues and depend critically on interconnected global data and scientific interchange—as do many of the benefits of shared data, such as weather prediction and the GPS system. Indeed authorship groups in the Earth and space sciences are increasingly international and multinational. Ensuring freedom for scientists to travel and interact internationally and open FAIR data are both critical for the future and are both under threat today. Nationalism is hindering collaborations and for securing and supporting data repositories and sharing. Scientific societies, many of which formed associated within individual nations or regions (and thus have names starting with: American…, European…, Japanese…, etc.), are now representing and serving this global scientific community and have a critical role in addressing these global challenges. AGU's new strategic plan emphasizes these global challenges, the need for ensuring international development of Earth and space science. Finally, a

"Borderless World of Geoscience" also means that we must expand diversity in the geosciences and provide an inclusive and welcoming culture for both those that want to practice and join the science as well as for expanding public interest and awareness. Our shared future depends on these goals.