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To: Dr. Charles Balagizi  
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Dear Dr. Balagizi,


on behalf of the GSNL Scientific Advisory Committee and the CEOS Data Coordination Team, I am glad to inform you that your proposal for a Supersite on the Virunga volcanic District has been accepted. In the attached letter by the CEOS DCT Chair you will find the image quotas which will be provided to you by various space agencies within the two year period starting from the date of this letter.

Near the end of every two-year period you will be asked to submit a report on the Supersites activities and results. The report will be evaluated by the GSNL SAC and the CEOS DCT to verify the success of the Virunga Supersite in pursuing the proposed objectives. A positive evaluation will be needed to ensure renewal of support for the following period.

I would like to recall the importance of providing Open Access to the scientific data generated by your Supersite community, as well as the promotion of the full Open Science paradigm as a way to improve the overall scientific contribution to Disaster Risk Reduction in your country. The Supersite network community is available to share solutions, methods and experiences with you to reach these goals. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any question or request you may have in the Supersite implementation and management. I will contact you in the following days with instructions on the satellite data ordering procedures.

Finally, let me welcome you and your co-workers in the GSNL community and wish you and your Supersite a great success.

Best regards,



Stefano Salvi  
Chair of the GSNL Scientific Advisory Committee

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