

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH

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The United Nations General Assembly recently proclaimed the year 2008 to be the United Nations International Year of Planet Earth (IYAE). The initiative will be organised under the auspices of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and will span 3 years (2007-2009). The year's purpose is defined as Earth Sciences for society and is currently organised into ten broad themes. The presentation will attempt to unpack these themes and demonstrate how space applications can be used as a valuable tool.