Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all of you who have participated in the STV plenary and science/applications breakouts. Our questionnaire to obtain additional input is now live. Please fill it out whether you attended the breakouts or not. Your input will help guide future STV activities.

The 2017 Earth Sciences Decadal Survey recommended that NASA prepare to make height observations of the globe’s Surface Topography and Vegetation (STV) in the 2018 – 2027 time frame. NASA has established an STV Study Team to identify gaps in scientific knowledge and technology capabilities and to identify activities that can fill those gaps. The study report will help guide NASA investments this decade that advance capabilities for STV.

The Study Team has conducted a series of online meetings for the solid Earth, vegetation structure, cryosphere, hydrology and coastal processes communities to introduce the study and seek input on science and applications objectives and requirements. This questionnaire is an opportunity for you to provide additional input that will be used by the Study Team to prepare a Science and Applications Traceability Matrix (SATM) that will be included in the report to NASA. A draft SATM collating the questionnaire responses will be distributed for your review and comment.

To complete the questionnaire, use this link. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIgd9hNfTobNhb8ZvGEFObEvBODLoD8T32U4fhn-TL9ODTQHg/viewform

To be most useful to the study team, we request that you complete the questionnaire by Monday, August 24.

If you have any questions for the STV Study team, please post them on the Q&A page at https://arc.cnf.io/sessions/qkrg/#!/dashboard.

The STV study website can be found here: https://science.nasa.gov/earth-science/decadal-stv/

Thank you for your contributions to the development of the STV SATM.

Sincerely yours,

The STV Study Team