

Why networking outside academia is vital for your career

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As the future generation of geoscientists, you will have to address crucial issues regarding the future of our societies. You were trained properly to apply rigorous scientific methods to investigate the Earth's systems. However, many were not given the opportunity to interact with non-academic researchers as the academic world can be very self-centered. As a consequence, when the time comes for you to develop new connections outside your usual network, for example, to expand any project you lead (not just educational or outreach), you might feel unprepared.

During this activity, we will explore some strategies and identify skills that as ECRs you might not have been taught by your scientific advisors. In addition, I will share some experiences to make you realize there is a whole world outside academia waiting for you.