THE **GLOBE** IMPLEMENTATION OFFICE

GISN Webinars Welcome Dr. Tony P Murphy, Director GLOBE Implementation Office

Welcome to the first of a series of GLOBE International Scientist Network webinars and welcome to the GLOBE family.

I'd like to especially welcome NASA scientists that are joining us today, our Visiting Scientist Program colleagues, and our existing GISN members.

This series of webinars is all about connecting with GLOBE schools and students. It is an exciting endeavor as we together interest and help create the next generation of STEM professionals, as well as increase STEM literacy in other students.

It is an exciting time for the GLOBE Program as we get closer to celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the first data being entered into the global database on Earth Day 1995. Amazing that this first large scale citizen science program aimed at the K-12 community now has over 125 million data points in our database.

Other accomplishments include

- a global network of scientists and students working together on campaigns,
- collaborations with satellite missions, and
- a network of alums and STEM professionals who have discovered their passion through this Program.

Strengthening these relationships through networks like the GISN are extremely important and pave the way for another **20 years of GLOBE!**

Thank you again for your interest in the Program and your commitment to the future generations. I am sure that you will find these webinars informative, educational, and helpful in reaching out to students and schools in your local areas.

