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Project title: Capacity sharing for Earth observation and environmental sensing for research on land cover dynamics impacts on ecosystem services in Southern Africa	
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