



Expanding horizons in a shrinking world

# Draft resolutions

# Cambridge Conference 2007



- Cambridge Conference 2007 has provided a series of opportunities for stimulating debate and learning.
- 220 delegates from over 70 countries and international organisations attended
- The Conference makes the following resolutions from these discussions:



# Data collection and use



- The principle of collecting data once to the most appropriate quality and then reusing that data in all suitable contexts is fundamental to good data management and use.
- NMAs must reinforce this principle through out our work and leadership in our countries.



# Reputation and status



- National mapping agencies across the World occupy a special place in the geospatial industry as the providers of definitive information which is relied-on by society.
- It is essential that NMAs continue to develop the reputation and behaviours that this recognition depends on.



# Technology



- Technology is one of the main resources available to national mapping agencies in the fulfilment of their role.
- This is equally true in the collection, management and dissemination of data and geospatial products.
- It is important that we continue to harness and exploit technology in the execution of our roles.



# Knowledge sharing

- It is essential that as a community we continue to share our knowledge and learn from each others' best practice
- The establishment and population of the web-based Knowledge Portals discussed at this conference will be a key contribution to that process
- Amongst other things it will contribute knowledge sharing, availability of equipment and experts available to help
- It is important that requests to populate it are responded to and that the sites are maintained; results will be measured and published
- Editorial control must be maintained



# Awareness

- NMAs should be involved pro-actively in the creation of awareness on the importance of maps among politicians, decision makers and the general public
- They should also create awareness in schools and tertiary institutions and in the private sector
- This initiative must involve the press and media



# Africa – the importance of maps and GI



- During the GEOSS Ministerial meeting in November 2007, UNECA should present a paper.
- The community of international bodies involved in implementation of the Millennium Goals in Africa should build governmental awareness.



# Africa – AFREF (1)



- AFREF is central to national development goals, and the support of governments is needed for its implementation
- UN-ECA should sensitize governments to its contribution to Millennium Goals
- UN-ECA and AFREF Steering Committee should seek support from development partners and vendors for capacity building



## Africa – AFREF (2)



- UN-ECA will coordinate an action plan for AFREF implementation, including the base station installation
- The development of a Unified Geodetic System towards will contribute to an African SDI
- AFREF implementation should be linked to NSDI development
- UN Working Group on GIS should support and promote AFREF

