



JBGIS input to the GI Knowledge Portal

A report on developments to create a GI Knowledge Portal supported by the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS).

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- The Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS) is a coalition of leading international geospatial societies which can speak on behalf of the geospatial profession at international level, especially to the United Nations and other global stakeholders and aims to coordinate activities of its members.
- The JBGIS has 2 ad hoc committees
 - Capacity Building in Africa
 - Risk and Disaster Management



GI Knowledge Portal

- The Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies (JBGIS) has identified capacity building in Africa as a priority activity for societies involved in Geospatial Information.
- Following discussions at CC:The Exchange and a meeting of NMAs held at the GSDI conference in Chile, in November 2006, JBGIS linked this activity with its programme for capacity building in Africa and approached EIS Africa to build a portal for NMAs in Africa into AGIRN.



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Sharing Geo Information Knowledge in Africa

- The Joint Board, with support from Ordnance Survey has initiated a pilot project through AGIRN aimed at the NMAs in Africa.



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Sharing Geo Information Knowledge in Africa

- The AGIRN NMA pages will:
 - Give experience of the required structure, based on an existing portal
 - Allow feedback from providers and users
 - Meet the requirements of the portal specified in Chile
 - Work with the GSDI global portal
 - Contribute to capacity building in Africa



Feedback required

- Further input on data required by NMAs
- NMAs in Africa should register on the portal
- NMAs in developed countries should make material available
 - Documents
 - Expertise
 - Equipment
- Give feedback on the site



Future activities

- JBGIS will:
 - Support GSDI and AGIRN Portals
 - Assist with providing support for sustained operation
 - Integrate AGIRN operations into capacity building in Africa