GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: CURRENT INITIATIVES AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES



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During past 20 years, the Norwegian Mapping Authority has been implementing capacity development projects in Eastern Europe, West Balkans, Central Asia, and other regions.

This capacity development has been focused on the establishment of national spatial data infrastructures, delivery of core geospatial datasets, building-up technical and professional capacity, contributing to economic growth and supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.

Every year since 2016, regional conferences took place in one of the beneficiary countries. Due to the pandemic, the event in Kyrgyzstan in 2020 was cancelled. This year, the regional conference will be held in a hybrid form, and it will be focused on the importance of geospatial information in the digital transformation. It will particularly look upon the land specific examples of the development of national geospatial ecosystems using the IGIF - Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.



IGIF is a United Nations endorsed Framework,

jointly developed by the United Nations and the World Bank, to support the development of national infrastructures for geospatial information management in lower and middle-income countries. Since the endorsement of IGIF, the Norwegian Mapping Authority has taken an active role in promoting the implementation of IGIF in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, and Ukraine.

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PROGRAMME

EDNESDAY 27 OCTOB	REP 2021 – DAV 1
09:00 - 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 11:00	OPENING SESSION
03.30 - 11.00	
00 20 00 40	Chair: Hans Christian Munthe-Kaas, Director, Global geodesy, Norwegian Mapping Authority
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome and Address
	Johnny Welle, Director General, Norwegian Mapping Authority
09:40 – 09:50	Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
09:50 – 10:10	Enabling Digital Government through Geospatial Data and Location Intelligence: What needs to be done with
	information management in accession countries
	Léa Bodossian, Secretary General and Executive Director, Eurogeographics
10:10 - 10:20	Comfort break
10:20 - 10:40	A Future Vision for National Mapping and Cadastre Authorities
	Dr. Robin McLaren, Know Edge, United Kingdom
10:40 - 11:00	Key Registers in the Netherlands
	Haico van der Vegt, Kadaster, The Netherlands
11:00 - 12:00	Lunch break
12:00 – 15:30	INTEGRATED GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FRAMEWORK: LAND CASE STUDIES
12:00 - 12:05	Getting started and setting-up the scene
	Chair: John Kedar, John Kedar Geospatial Initiatives, United Kingdom
12:05 - 12:35	Keynote: Bridging the Digital Divide
	Gregory Scott, United Nations Statistics Division
12:35 – 13:05	World Bank Methodology for IGIF Implementation
	Kathrine Kelm, World Bank
13:05 – 13:15	Comfort break

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WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOB	BER 2021 – DAY 1
	INTEGRATED GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FRAMEWORK: LAND CASE STUDIES
13:15 – 13:20	Norwegian Support to the IGIF implementation
	Chair: John Kedar, John Kedar Geospatial Initiatives, United Kingdom
13:20 - 13:40	The Georgian Case: IGIF for Strengthening NSD
	Nino Bakhia, National Agency of Public Registry, Georgia
13:40 – 14:00	Kyrgyzstan: A Model for Sustainable Base Mapping
	Simon Wills, ConsultingWhere, United Kingdom
14:00 – 14:10	Comfort break
14:10 – 14:30	Republic of Moldova: NSDI National Action Plan
	Pavel Ivancenco, Agency for Land Relations and Cadastre
14:30 – 14:50	IGIF Implementation in Ukraine: Challenges, Results and Perspectives
	Dmytro Makarenko, Research Institute for Geodesy and Cartography, Ukraine
14:50 – 15:00	Comfort break
	Panel discussion chaired by John Kedar, John Kedar Geospatial Initiatives, United Kingdom
	Gregory Scott, United Nations Statistics Division
	Kathrine Kelm, World Bank
	Andrew Coote, ConsultingWhere, United Kingdom
	Questions for panel discussion:
15:00 – 15:45	 Future directions of IGIF – what is next?
	 Influencing decision makers - key strategies?
	 How to improve communication and encourage response?
	 Are there still challenges with data sharing?
	Conclusions and closing remarks
	John Kedar, John Kedar Geospatial Initiatives, United Kingdom

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THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER	R 2021 – DAY 2
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 11:20	GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY
09:00 - 09:05	Setting-up the scene
	Chair: Andrew Coote, ConsultingWhere, United Kingdom
09:05 - 09:25	Open Earth Observation Data
	Steven Ramage, The Group on Earth Observations
09:25 - 09:45	Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
	Alan Smart, ACIL Allen, Australia
09:45 - 10:05	Data Ethics - Location Privacy and More
	Denise McKenzie, Locus Charter Community
10:05 – 10:20	Comfort break
10:20 - 10:40	NSDI in Norway
	Arvid Lillethun, Norwegian Mapping Authority
10:40 - 11:00	Development of NSDI in Croatia from Interoperability Perspective
	Tomislav Ciceli, State Geodetic Administration, Croatia
11:00 - 11:20	Experiences from Poland on Open Data Policy
	Marcin Grudzień, Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography of Poland
11:20 – 12:20	Lunch break
12:20 – 15:30	GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY
12:20 – 12:25	Chair: Rumyana Tonchovska, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
12:25 – 12:45	Fit-for-Purpose Land Administration
	Gavin Adlington, Independent Land Administration Expert
12:45 – 13:05	Digitalization Transformation in Serbia
	Darko Vucetic, Republic Geodetic Authority, Serbia

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	GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY		
13:05 – 13:25	Developing Moldovan NSDI through EU Twinning Project		
	Maria Ovdii, Agency for Land Relations and Cadastre of Moldova		
	Sanja Zekušić, State Geodetic Administration, Croatia		
13:25 – 13:35	Comfort break		
13:35 – 13:55	Use of UAVs in crisis situations		
	Terje Kristensen, Andøya Space, Norway		
	Mats Kristensen, Andøya Space, Norway		
13:55 – 14:15	Experiences from Georgia: New Datasets		
	Galaktion Hahubia, National Agency of Public Registry, Georgia		
14:15 – 14:35	Use of Geospatial Data by Local Public Authorities in Moldova		
	Alexandru Morcov, Congress of Local Authorities, Moldova		
14:35 – 14:45	Comfort break		
	Panel discussion chaired by Rumyana Tonchovska, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations		
	Darko Vucetic, Republic Geodetic Authority of Serbia		
	John Kedar, John Kedar Geospatial Initiatives, United Kingdom		
	Gavin Adlington, Independent Land Administration Expert		
14:45 – 15:30	Questions for panel discussion:		
14.45 – 15.50	 The role of spatial data infrastructure in the digital transformation of public administration 		
	 How to measure the impact of geospatial information on society and economy? 		
	 Location privacy: Ethical issues in geospatial data use 		

Conclusions and closing remarks

Rumyana Tonchovska, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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RIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2	RIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2021 – DAY 3		
08:30 - 09:00	Registration		
09:00 - 11:05	INTO THE FUTURE - EMERGING APPLICATION AREAS		
09:00 - 09:15	Setting-up the scene		
	Chair: Astrid Hvattum, Head of Business Intelligence and Innovation, Geodata, Norway		
09:15 – 09:35	Spatial Knowledge Infrastructure		
	Dr. Lesley Arnold, CEO, Geospatial Frameworks, Australia		
09:35 – 09:55	Transforming National Mapping & Cadastre with Deep Learning		
	Nick Land, Business Development Manager, National Mapping & Cadastre, Esri		
09:55 – 10:05	Comfort break		
10:05 – 10:25	Precision Agriculture		
	Marc Tondriaux, Chairman, European Association of Remote Sensing Companies		
10:25 – 10:45	High Precision Satellite Imagery		
	Rene Griesbach, Regional Manager Presales, Planetlabs, Germany		
10:45 – 11:05	Smart City Platform Enabling Digital Twin: Helsinki 3D+ project		
	Jarmo Suomisto, City of Helsinki, City Executive Office, Finland		
11:05 – 12:05	Lunch break		
12:05 – 14:30	INTO THE FUTURE - EMERGING APPLICATION AREAS		
12:05 – 12:20	Leveraging Technology		
	Chair: Astrid Hvattum, Head of Business Intelligence and Innovation, Geodata, Norway		
12:20 – 12:40	Geospatial for Finance Industry		
	Christophe Christiaen, Oxford University Sustainable Finance Programme, United Kingdom		
12:40 - 12:50	Comfort break		

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FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2	FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2021 – DAY 3	
	INTO THE FUTURE - EMERGING APPLICATION AREAS	
12:50 - 13:10	KartAl Project	
	Ivar Oveland, Norwegian Mapping Authority	
13:10 – 13:30	Hybrid Approaches for Sustainable Base Mapping	
	Anders Nesse, Norconsult Information Systems, Norway	
13:30 - 13:40	Comfort break	
	Panel discussion chaired by Astrid Hvattum, Head of Business Development and Innovation, Geodata, Norway	
	Dr. Lesley Arnold, CEO, Geospatial Frameworks, Australia	
	Nick Land, Business Development Manager, National Mapping & Cadastre, Esri	
	Anders Nesse, Norconsult Information Systems, Norway	
12.40 14.20	Questions for panel discussion:	
13:40 – 14:30	 How feasible is satellite imagery for mapping applications? 	
	Impact of AI - separating fact from fiction	
	Known unknowns - long-term impacts	
	Conclusions and closing remarks	
	Astrid Hvattum, Head of Business Intelligence and Innovation, Geodata, Norway	