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Abstract:

Rapid advances in technology, information access, methodologies and equipment have meant that geospatial information is collected, globally, to high precision, processed using innovative software applications and made available via contemporary communications methods. This information is underpinned by accurate geodetic data from globally-distributed geodetic infrastructure, precision data collection methods, comprehensive analysis tools, the provision of global geospatial information, integrated data collection and mapping activities, formalized agreements and specifications and innovative means for information provision and visualization. It is therefore important that all stakeholders in global geospatial information collection, delivery, representation analysis and use are cognizant of current technologies, equipment and methodologies. As well, it is equally important that they are aware of emerging trends, developing technologies and future geospatial data usage and communication tools.

An Exchange Forum with the Geospatial Industry was held on the day immediately before the Second High Level Forum on GGIM, on Sunday February 3, 2013. Following the success of the last Exchange Forum with the Geospatial Industry, held in Seoul, Korea, in October 2011 this Exchange continues the discourse between Industry, Government, Organisations and the research community.

The purpose of the Exchange was to disseminate information between stakeholders and to address how best to future proof the provision of geoinformation through the application of emerging technologies. This paper will provide a report to the Second High Level Forum on GGIM on the operation, outcomes and recommendations from the Industry Exchange.
