Shared Objectives and Partnerships

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There are several pockets of excellencies scattered across the continent where a number of countries and organizations are involved in geospatial technologies and their land applications. When brought together, these organizations added comparative advantages, potential synergies and complementarities that can booster further and systematically organize the land management agenda on the continent.

- African Union Commission
- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- UN-Habitat
- Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
- Group on Earth Observation (GEO)
- World Bank

All maintain geospatial activities
Same multiple bodies at national level
Partnership: How to Get There

- Key Principles
  - Liaise with other substantive international and regional organizations to determine priority areas of need
    - Demand pull, rather than supply push
  - Identify specialized agencies and other stakeholders with relevant data
    - Including national sources where facilities exist
  - Taxonomy of data for identify gaps that are not currently being met for sustainable land management
    - Such data would be stored in locally if warranted
  - Agree on mutual access to data and services remotely
Nature of Possible Partnerships

- **Continental level**: The actors at this level provide the overarching scope and architecture for a supra-continental framework of geospatial and land management strategy. Example of institutions include: AUC, ECA, AfDB, Space related networks.

- **Regional level**: The stakeholders at this scale are provided with the role of developing operational programmes and solutions to address cross-cutting or thematic issue across borders. Example includes the regional operational centres (RECTAS, RCMRD, AGRHYMET, UN-Habitat, etc). They ensure technical implementation of policies defined at continental level.

- **National level**: It’s in this level that institutions build capacity and advance innovation, research and operational development. Some of the institutions here include: National Space Agencies, academia and research institutions, industry.

- **Local level**: Community of users empowered to use space-related resources (products and tools) for land management. There are government agencies at all levels, private sector, citizens, civil societies’ organizations, etc.
Areas for Partnership

- Infrastructure development
- Geospatial applications
- Scientific Research and Development
- (Human) Capacity Building
- Resources mobilization
- Institutional collaboration
Be realistic … Globalisation is here! Dialogue is vital…

- Define our areas of needs that meet Donors domains of interest: Land governance, land management, land rights…
- Encourage joint research initiatives in land involving Africans, diaspora and partners (scientific, technical, financial)

Count on oneself: Develop Indigenous African capabilities

- Africa owned initiatives where all the technical capacities are maintained and shared

Develop a vision

- Fostering constructive partnership with international organizations through contribution and participation to several initiatives on geospatial technology and applications to land at various levels: UN-GGIM, GEO, GMES, GFCS, etc.
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