

Policy and Legal Issues/Challenges in Geospatial Information Management in PNG

Back ground: Department of Lands & Physical Planning in PNG (DLPP)

Political Level: Cabinet Minister for DLPP

Administration Level: Secretary for DLPP

- 13 divisional directors
- 2 divisions that deal with Geospatial information management
 - ✓ National Mapping Bureau – (25 staff)
 - ✓ Office of Surveyor General (40 Staff)

. Need to review Relevant Acts

- Survey Act 1967
- Survey Regulation 170
- Survey Coordination Act 1967
- Survey Coordination 1969
- Place Names Act 1969

- Accommodate used of modern technology
(GPS Survey)

2. Need a Policy to:

- enable National Bureau to the Geospatial Information Storage or Data Bank for PNG
 - avoid duplication and overlaps by different government agencies

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3. Government does not give priority to Geospatial Information profession/agencies
4. Licensing of Geospatial Information
 - ❖ currently have contract of sales agreement
 - ❖ Royalty agreement with company in USA

Challenges :

- ❖ Consider to review some of those agreements after learning from this workshop
 - ❖ develop new license agreement for online products and services
5. Issue with infrastructure/hardware and software license Agreements