Report of the Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (PCGIAP)

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1. What is PCGIAP?



Establishment:

 In 1995 in pursuance of a resolution at the 13th UN Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (UNRCC-AP).

Members:

Directorates of National Geospatial Information Authorities.

Aims:

- Cooperate to develop regional SDI for Asia-Pacific.
- Contribute to the development of global SDI.

Current PCGIAP Office:

President: China; Vice President: Japan; Secretary: Korea.

Activities:

- Annual plenary meetings and WG projects.
- Reporting to UNRCC-AP (convened every three years).



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 - Informal consultation on UNGGIM
- 16th PCGIAP Plenary in 2010 in Singapore (w/ GSDI12)
 - Presentation on UNGGIM initiative
- 17th PCGIAP Plenary in 2011 in Mongolia
- 4th Land Administration Forum in 2011 in Australia (w/ Univ. of Melbourne/CSDILA)
- PCGIAP supported HLF on GGIM in 2011 in Korea
- International Symposium on Spatially Enabled Government and Society in 2012 in Malaysia (w/ FIG)
 - Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Spatially Enabled Government & Society supports UNGGIM initiative and confirms its priority issues.
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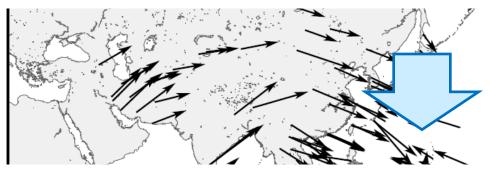


3. Activities/Projects

Common Geodetic Framework

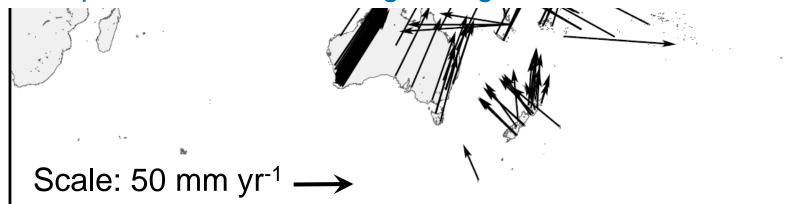






Out of 19 countries responded to the latest questionnaire, 6 countries are still using a local datum.

UNGGIM activity will inspire countries in the region to expedite the adoption of a common regional geodetic framework.





3. Activities/Projects Case Studies for Risk Management

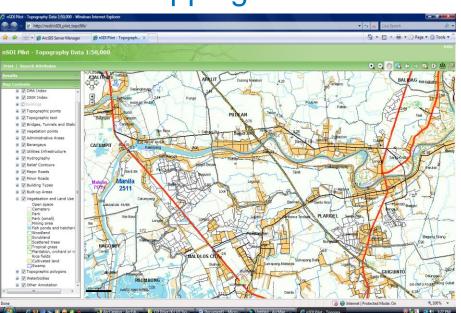


 Australia and Indonesia conducted a joint project to collect post-disaster data after the earthquake in West Sumatra on 30 September 2009, which facilitated the development of Indonesia's reconstruction policies.



3. Activities/Projects Case Studies for Risk Management

 Geoscience Australia (GA) provided technical assistance to the Philippine National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) to develop an internal SDI to facilitate more efficient dissemination of data and products to its clients many of whom undertake in natural hazard analysis and mapping.



 GA also assisted NAMRIA in building a simple Intranet web-map interface.



3. Activities/Projects Disaster Risk Preparedness



ESCAP organized an Expert Group Meeting to strengthen government capacities in developing countries in the use of standardized geo-referenced/geospatial information tools for the implementation of disaster risk preparedness, and timely early recovery efforts.





3. Activities/Projects Knowledge Transfer



Latest questionnaire revealed that member countries seek more opportunities of information exchange and technical support on NGIA's role and responsibilities for disaster response.

Training Workshop on Geospatial Support for Disaster Management in 2011 in Wuxi, China. Attended by 22 participants from 10 countries/regions.

Capacity Building Course for Surveying and Mapping Agencies in 2011 in Seoul, Korea in conjunction with the 1st High Level Forum. Attended by 21 participants from 16 countries.







3. Activities/Projects Land Administration



Growing recognition that land administration with geospatial information is vital for good governance, sustainable development, etc.

•High level policy makers of member countries expressed strong interest on land administration.

Four forums have been convened to share land administration issues, best practices and experiences.
 Annual forum on land administration recommended at the 18th UNRCC-AP.





4. Future Perspective



- Close cooperation and harmonized efforts with UNGGIM
 - Improved geospatial information management in the region and member countries.
 - Enhanced cooperation with regional bodies (ESCAP, ADB, etc.)
- 19th UN Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (UNRCC-AP)
 - 29 October 1 November 2012, Bangkok (ESCAP)
 - Theme: "UNGGIM vision for Asia and the Pacific Region"
 - Discussions on the future of PCGIAP and its relationship with UNGGIM



PCGIAP Informal Consultation

- Date: Tomorrow, Thursday, 16 August
- Time: 9 am 12 noon
- Topics
 - Program of UNRCC-AP
 - Draft amendment to PCGIAP Statutes
- Participation
 - Members, Liaison representatives, Observers
- Venue: DC2-2330
 - 23rd Floor, 2 UN Plaza, East 44th St





Venue



