







## Qatar's Nation-Wide GIS

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#### **Most Important Elements of Qatar's GIS**

Since its inception twenty years ago, Qatar had adopted five elements that led to its success:



- 1. Establishing The Centre for GIS
- 2. Common standards
- 3. Data Sharing
- 4. Inter-Agency Coordination
- 5. Nationwide Digital Mapping Program

#### National Committee for Coordination of Government Services

Cabinet

National GIS Steering Committee

The Centre for GIS

Managerial Group

**GIS** Coordinators Group









#### **1. The Centre for GIS**





- CGIS updates and provides Qatar's Digital Topographic Base Map and geodetic network.
- It adopted the latest Positioning Technologies and makes its data available.
- It also maintains the high speed network (GISnet) making GIS data available to current and future users.
- CGIS plays the vital role of coordinating the nation-wide GIS implementation.









#### 2. Common standards



- Common standards for collecting, representing, storing, retrieving and sharing GIS data among all agencies.
- Avoiding incompatibility among different types of data models.
- Cutting down redundancy, cost.

### 3. Data Sharing

The high speed network (GISnet) links over 60 agencies using GIS in their day-to-day activities.

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Qatar University - Department of Architecture and Urban Planni Oatar University - Social & Economic Survey Research Institute

- Interconnects the distributed spatial databases throughout Qatar, allowing every user, in every agency, immediate access to all publicly available GIS data in the country.
- Great saving of time and money. Something else other countries aspire for achieving.
- Great appreciation to all ministries and organizations which are actively updating and sharing their data and all those who are utilizing the data.









#### Layout of the GISNet











#### The Mission ..... Applications & Data Sharing



- Since all agencies' public data is available over the GISNet by 24x7
- Decision makers can analyze and use data by accessing GIS data of all agencies.

#### Data - ArcMap - ArcInfo











#### 4. Inter-agency Coordination

#### Technical Level:

- Chaired by CGIS, Coordinators Group meetings are held on a regular basis; never stopped for last 22 years.
- Representatives from every agency
- Encouraging cooperation, coordination and sharing of GIS activities
- Ensuring adherence to uniform standards and compatibility

#### Managerial Level:

 State level GIS sub-committee meetings on regular basis which consists of GIS managers.



















#### 5. Nation-wide Digital Mapping Program





The fifth element is the comprehensive database that comprises of:

- High resolution colored Ortho imagery and satellite imagery.
- **3D** City Model of Urban areas.
- Highly accurate, Topographic Vector Maps.
- High precision Digital Elevation Model.
- Color Oblique 4-directional Aerial Photography.
- Others.
- The importance of this element is that it serves as the base upon which all other data layers from other agencies are placed.









#### Reaffirmation

That was a prelude that almost all of you are aware of but it is something we are proud of in Qatar and it is always important to reaffirm its significance



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### **Examples of National Projects and Applications Utilizing Data Sharing through the GISNet**

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#### Land Information System ... Lands & Survey Department

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#### Data Sources:

- Policy plans and land use data coming from Land & Survey Department.
- Topographic data and satellite imagery coming from The Centre for GIS.

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Qatar National Master Plan (web application) ... Planning Department

#### Data Sources:

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- Topographic, QARS data and aerial photography coming from CGIS.
- Urban Right of Way and QNMP data from Planning.
- Cadastral and Policy Plans from Lands & Survey Department.
  - Drainage data from PWA.
  - Water and Electricity data from Kahrama.
  - Oil and Gas pipeline data from

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#### **Real Estate Registration System ... Ministry of Justice**

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Data Sources:

- Ministry of Interior providing owner name and Qatar ID "QID".
- General Survey Section providing accurate survey for parcels and PIN number.
- The Centre for GIS providing Topographic Database and Ortho images.

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#### Call taker and Command Aided Dispatching ... Ministry of Interior

Data Sources:

- Topographic, Routing & Navigation, QARS data, and satellite imagery coming from CGIS.
- Roads flow line coming from public works Authority.
- Fleet and security data from MOI.
  - Water & Electricity Data from Kahrama.
  - Telecommunications data from QTEL.

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Environment Site Assessment and Management System ... Ministry of Environment

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- Topographic, Geographic names data and satellite imagery coming from CGIS.
- Administrative boundaries from Lands & Survey Department.
- Natural reserves, farmland, environmentally sensitive sites data from Ministry of environment.

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National Endeavors with GIS playing a major role

Following are examples of endeavors in Qatar relying heavily on geospatial input:

- Qatar's National Vision 2030
- Qatar National Development Framework (QNDF)
- The Qatar National Master Plan Project (QNMP)
- Qatar Area Referencing System (QARS)

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#### **Qatar National Master Plan QNMP**

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The Qatar National Master Plan Project (QNMP) is creating an integrated package of plans, policies and regulations applicable to national, municipality, city and town jurisdictions.

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#### **Qatar Area Referencing System - QARS**

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- Created a comprehensive database that serves the requirements of all concerned agencies in Qatar by using GIS to link the new property number with its geographic location and the numbers from other agencies. (QTEL, Electricity, water, PIN Number, etc.).
- This shows that the project is not just installing property number plates.

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#### **Qatar Area Referencing System - QARS**

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Applications and services resulting from the project are many.

They include: Security, Traffic and emergency response systems, trade, statistics, education, municipalities, Post and several others.

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#### Areas we are focusing on

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- Increased adoption of web services which cuts down cost, increases and diversifies the range of users.
- Increased adoption of mobile applications which delivers geospatial services to the masses.
- Utilizing GIS in planning built and natural environments in an integrated process taking into consideration sustainability and resources management.

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#### **Cooperation on the regional level**

- CGIS was active in the high level technical committee that supervised the process of marking borders with Saudi Arabia including the production of Digital and printed maps.
- Member of GCC countries committee on a municipal level for coordinating geographic features names and symbology.

Member of GCC countries committee for standardizing military maps.

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