


Report on WG Meeting

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Participation

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Dicussion topics

- How to establish alignment between national and regional/global priorities (such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals) in SDI development
- How to stimulate the interoperability of NSDIs established by member countries, and sharing of geospatial data/service among the countries
- How to enhance the capacity of standard approaches to accelerate NSDIs against regional/global priorities



Current challenges

- Different countries are at different levels of maturity in the development of their SDIs, the alignment between national and regional/global priorities according to the UN Sustainable Development Goals need to be established
- Progress of establishing NSDIs need to be monitored by the Working Group against the commitments made by the member states
- There remain legal barriers to the release of fundamental geographic information for wider use, Member States has difficult to share their national priorities for the development of their SDIs
- Information from different custodians may not integrate well, due to the use of different data formats and standards
- There still remains significant gaps in user expertise on how to use fundamental geographic information



Next Steps

- Develop an understanding of what Member States will need to do in order to make their SDIs able to support both their national priorities, and regional/global priorities
- Act as a forum for sharing expertise between more advanced SDIs and those Member States embarking on SDI development
- Assist the UNGGIM secretariat in defining how geospatial and statistical information can be applied to support the monitoring of progress against the SDGs.
- Case studies will be described from more advanced SDIs, outlining the challenges and lessons learnt in implementing SDIs.
- Geospatial information from Member States and other sources will continue to be added to the pilot portal as it becomes available

