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# COUNTRY STATUS GEOSPATIAL & SURVEYING

EXPERT CONSULTATION AND MEETING ON ENHANCING GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS TOGETHER WITH THE SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON UNITED NATIONS INTEGRATED GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FRAMEWORK FOR THE PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

AND

THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC GEOSPATIAL AND SURVEYING COUNCIL

**Pasifika Conference Room, Pacific Community (SPC), Lotus Building, Suva, Fiji**

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## Current Status - Geospatial & Surveying

- Provide status of your agency with respect to geospatial & surveying; where are we really heading?
- \* Note: FSM is a State that is still behind due to rapid technological changes and the lack of specialists in this important field.
- 1. FSM needs legislation and Policies in place to strengthen Capacity building and to prioritize Geospatial Information Data for future use and for our leaders to have better Decision Making
- 2. Several Acts and Conveyances that was created in collaboration with the local Governments are still place and the need for change has come.
- 3. Several GIS and Surveying trainings have been conducted throughout the years, However

## Future - Geospatial & Surveying

- Where do you see your agency with respect to geospatial & surveying in the next five (5) to ten (10) years?
  1. Challenge: The FSM faces challenges of asking for help from outside sources for technical support in terms of creating Policies and Procedures and to use that framework for appropriate legislation. Upgrading the GIS Management system.
  2. Opportunity: Working with the Pacific Community creating a comprehensive partnership and implementing a networking system that would enable the FSM to work closely with the other Pacific Regions and the PGSC member states guidance towards legislation and Procedures and the future of FSM's geospatial information management looks bright

# Resources

- What are the necessary resources required to enhance your agencies/countries geospatial information management?
  - 1. Technical Support: Seek support from the PGSC member states
  - 2. Needs Professionals and Experts
  - 3. Promote this field for students (FSM lack Surveyors) to gather, maintain, and upgrade all geospatial data for future surveyors
  - 4. Update all surveying softwares and applications
  - 5. Needs more up to date survey instruments and tools



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