Authoritative Data in an Evolving Geospatial Landscape: An Exploration of Policy and Legal Challenges
Tuesday, 1st August
11:30 – 12:45 pm (Conference Room 3)

Provisional agenda:
1) Welcome, agenda and organization of the side event (5 minutes)
2) Part I - Presentation of Authoritative Data Paper (25 minutes):
   “Authoritative Data in an Evolving Geospatial Landscape: An Exploration of Policy and Legal Challenges”
3) Part II - Panel discussion on Authoritative Data Paper follow-on activity (25 minutes): “Fit-for-purpose authoritative geospatial data for crisis”
4) Open discussion (20 minutes)
Agenda #2: Paper “Authoritative Data in an Evolving Geospatial Landscape: An Exploration of Policy and legal Challenges”

Presenters: Madeleine Martin, Yassen Atallah
Agenda #3: Panel discussion on Authoritative Data Paper follow-on activity: “Fit-for-purpose authoritative geospatial data for crisis”

Reminder of original tasking by the Committee of Experts:

- Explore and identify policy and legal challenges related to authoritative data, authority and custodianship, including experiences and practices to address crisis and based on one or several real-world problems; explain and develop practical solutions leveraging the IGIF and its implementation guide.

- Address issues identified in making geospatial data available, accessible and integrated for crisis, e.g. for the Covid-19 pandemic response and recovery.
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Draft outline, for discussion:

• **Background/context:**
  • Clarify **types of data** needed for crisis/disaster
  • Identify the **primary sources/providers**— including public sector, private sector, academia, civil society, Indigenous
  • Clarify **what makes data ‘fit for purpose’** for crisis/disasters
  • Across crisis / disaster events and/or specific to types of events

• **Examine policy and legal considerations** that provide for availability, accessibility, sharing and integration of fit-for-purpose geospatial data, in near real time

• **Reflect on institutional arrangements, notably governance**, that allows infrastructure and systems to deliver at the particular time of need
Foundational documents and resources:

• **Ready to Respond:** The Role of the Geospatial Community in Responding to COVID-19
• **WG deliverable 2020:** Legal aspects of availability of geospatial information - white paper [based on a crisis use case]
• **UN-GGIM Fundamental geospatial data themes** (note: buildings and settlements, orthoimagery identified as key for disaster preparedness/assessment)
• **Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters**
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Panelists:

- **Mr. Eric Loubier**, Director General, Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation, Natural Resources, Canada
- **Prof. Muh Aris Marfai**, Head, Indonesian Geospatial Information Agency
- **Yana Gevorgyan**, GEO Secretariat Director
- **Mr. Kevin Pomfret**, Executive Director, Centre for Spatial Law and Policy
- **Alan Mills**, Programme Development Coordinator, MapAction
Discussion questions

• From your country’s/organizations’ perspective, what are the merits for this follow-on activity? Is it needed? If needed, why?

• What content / topics would you propose for inclusion in the outcome paper for this follow-on activity?
  • To what extent do we address ‘readiness’ broadly speaking, versus readiness for particular crises/disasters?
  • How much of a focus is required on COVID-19?
Agenda #4: Open discussion
REMINDER: Open meeting

- Open Meeting of the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management
- Day and date: Wednesday, 2 August 2023
- Time: 13:15 p.m. to 14:30 p.m.
- Venue: Conference Room A