

ROADMAP FOR COLLABORATION

BETWEEN

**WORLD BANK'S GLOBAL PRACTICE ON
SOCIAL, URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
AND RESILIENCE**

AND

UNITED NATIONS STATISTICS DIVISION

**TO ASSIST COUNTRIES TO BRIDGE
GEOSPATIAL DIGITAL DIVIDE**

This Roadmap for Collaboration represents an intent by the World Bank’s Global Practice on Social, Urban and Rural Development, and Resilience (GSURR) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) (together the “Partners”) to collaborate in the achievement of common objectives as described, and on the basis outlined, below.

Background

The World Bank’s overarching mission is to reduce poverty, improve living conditions, and promote sustainable and comprehensive development in its developing member countries. It has established two ambitious goals to anchor its mission: end extreme poverty within a generation and boost shared prosperity. The World Bank will achieve these goals by providing loans, concessional financing, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing services to its developing member countries and through partnerships with other organizations.

The UNSD is committed to the advancement of the global statistical and geospatial systems. It compiles and disseminates global statistical information, develops standards and norms for statistical and geospatial activities, and supports countries' efforts to strengthen their national statistical and geospatial information systems. UNSD facilitates the coordination of international statistical and geospatial activities and supports the functioning of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, and the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names as the apex entity of the global statistical and geospatial systems.

Common Objectives

Consistent with their respective mandates, the GSURR and UNSD desire to collaborate in carrying out activities related to assisting lower and middle income countries to bridge the geospatial digital divide to move towards e-economies, improve services to citizens, build capacity for using geospatial technology, and enhance informed government decision making processes.

The intended collaboration will focus on a number of specific substantive areas which will include, but not be limited to:

- (i) Developing an **overarching Geospatial Framework** for countries to reference when developing their national and sub-national spatial data infrastructures (SDIs). The Framework will consist of principles, reference guides and good practices for topics such as geospatial policy, law, institutional arrangements, standards, technical systems and geodetic infrastructure, fundamental datasets, capacity, and use/applications of geospatial data, as well methods to calculate the economic impact and value of SDIs. The aim is to develop and implement mechanisms to establish the

Geospatial Framework holistically in countries in such a way that transformational change is enabled, visible and sustainable.

- (ii) Assisting countries to **prepare and implement country level Action Plans** to operationalize the Geospatial Framework taking into consideration national circumstances and priorities. The country level Action Plans will include identification of investment needs, priorities, analysis of socio-economic benefits and potential funding sources.
- (iii) Seek contributions to support countries to test and implement the Geospatial Framework and country level Action Plans.

Collaboration

Further to the achievement of their common objectives, the Partners intend to consider ways to:

- (i) share knowledge, ideas and lessons learned;
 - (ii) plan joint capacity building programs in areas of common interest;
 - (iii) collaborate on the promotion, preparation and organization of joint workshops/conferences/training seminars;
 - (iv) collaborate on the organization and execution of high-level joint research projects on subjects of primary interest;
 - (v) collaborate on ways to join with other entities such as the private sector, academia, and other International Finance Institutions and development partners which could bring further support to the activities pursued under this Collaboration;
 - (vi) collaborate on the dissemination of the lessons learned/results of projects/research to the public through publications, the Internet, seminars, workshops, conferences and other easily accessible and inexpensive means; and
 - (viii) periodically evaluate the effectiveness of working in collaboration with reference to their respective organizational mandates and priorities.
- (b) The Partners anticipate that each Partner will contribute to the activities undertaken pursuant to this Roadmap for Collaboration, in one or more of the following ways:
- (i) mobilizing its own staff for the pursuit of the objectives of this Collaboration, and paying for related out-of-pocket expenses;
 - (ii) financing the travel and subsistence costs related to the mobilization of the other Party's staff where reasonable and if budget resources are available;
 - (iii) providing facilities for workshops, conferences or training seminars;
 - (iv) engaging and funding its own consultants;
 - (v) providing support to relevant stakeholders; and

(vi) such other means as the Partners may agree.

(b) Each Partner shall be responsible for its own share of the associated financial and other obligations under this Roadmap for Collaboration.

Key Points of Contact

(a) Each Partner designates its representative with overall responsibility for implementing this Roadmap for Collaboration, including responsibility for formulating work plans for activities to be undertaken pursuant to it:

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In witness whereof, this Roadmap for Collaboration to be initiated as of the day and date written below.

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