

# Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB)



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## ■ Goals

The Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB) initiative aims at compiling data on administrative boundaries and names from authoritative source such as the official National Geospatial Information Authorities.

In this context SALB objectives are:

- i. compile authoritative **GIS dataset worldwide for administrative boundaries** and names for level 1 and 2, at 1million scale; and
- ii. identify and maintain **point of contacts of the National Geospatial Authorities** on administrative boundaries and names.
- iii. maintain an overview of **historical changes of national administrative units**;

## ▪ Global Agenda

Provision of reliable geospatial information for risk and disasters



**Rio + 20 : The Future We Want**  
*General Assembly, RES/66/288*

...“Providing reliable geospatial information in support of comprehensive hazard and risk assessment and knowledge and information sharing

## ▪ Global Agenda

Integration of statistics and geospatial data while ensuring national ownership



### **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** *General Assembly, RES/70/1*

...“increasing the availability of high quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by [...] geographic location”

...“promoting geospatial information while ensuring national ownership”

...“promoting a framework for disaggregated data to link between statistics and geographic location”

## ▪ Global Agenda

Administrative boundaries are a priority core fundamental data theme



### **United Nations Committee of Expert on Global Geospatial Management** *Item 5 - Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes*

... “highlighted administrative boundaries as a priority “core global fundamental geospatial data theme”

... “noted the importance of the availability of seamless global administrative level boundary data for countries, and to continue to contribute to the SALB project”

## ▪ Global Agenda

Promoting internationally the use of local names



### United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names (UNGEGN)

- promoting the recording of locally-used names reflecting the languages and traditions of a country for administrative names
- promoting the use of these names internationally and use of a single scientifically-based romanization system for administrative names





## How does SALB work ?

### ADVOCACY

UN Note Verbale to Permanent Missions



### AUTHORITATIVE

Note Verbale refers to a national point of contact



### STANDARDS

SALB Data Product Specification



### CUSTODIAN

National Mapping Agency or Geospatial Agency POC



Web-dissemination via SALB website



National GIS data on administrative boundaries/names



Worldwide GIS standard data on administrative boundaries/names

...,TOWARDS GLOBAL FRAMEWORK

## ▪ Latest news



Data Product Standard



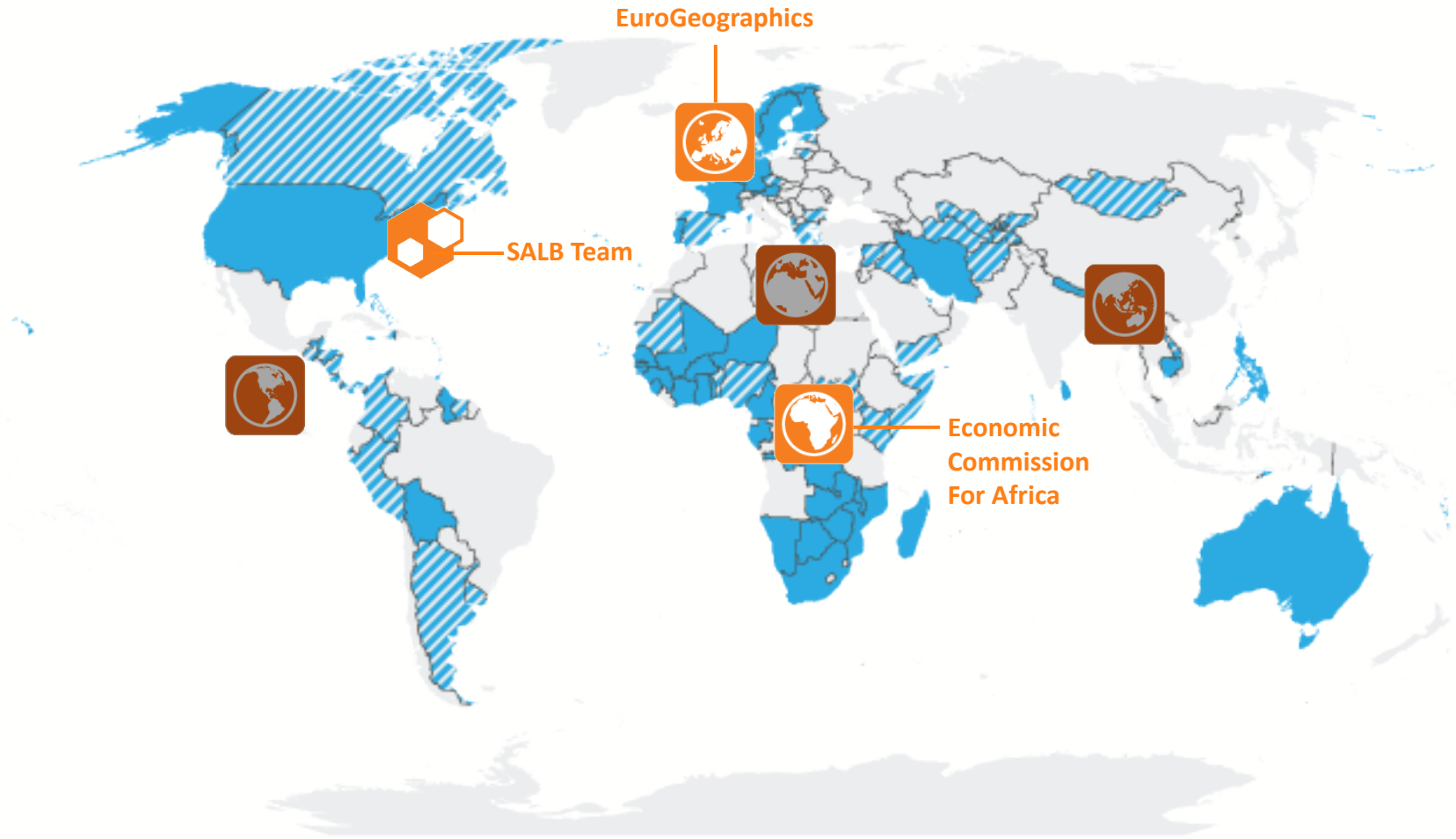
Data holdings review & integration



Web-platform, to be [salb.un.org](https://salb.un.org)



Participation of EuroGeographics to the initiative





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