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GSDI 10 and ISCGM Informal Meeting in Trinidad and Tobago

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The 10th International Conference for Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI 10) was held on 25-29 February 2008. It was the first international spatial data infrastructure conference held in the Caribbean. The subtitle of the conference was "Small Island Perspectives on Global Challenges." On the first day, 10 workshops were held. One of the workshops was Standard in Action Tutorial. Prof. Taylor presented principles of Global Map specifications and its developing history, under the chair of Dr. Tom, ISO/TC211 Advisory Group of Outreach. Mr. Ramirez of PCIDEA and Ms. Arias of PAIGH presented their standard activities. The discussion of the workshop was very active and informative. Those presentations reminded me that PAIGH implemented standardization under the leadership of PCIDEA and how works of both organizations helped GM development of the region. The conference was opened on the second day moderated by Prof. Harlan Onsrud. Prof. Sankat, University of the West Indies welcomed the audiences stating GSDI 10 is a part of the celebration of 60th anniversary of the university. Mr. Jarmo Ratia, GSDI President, Mr. Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General of OAS, Mr. Gray, World Bank, and Minister of Trinidad and Tobago made their welcome speeches. The conference was well organized and participants

were more than 250. Sessions were filled up with many useful reports for building NSDI. The sessions on SDIs in small island nations, especially the Caribbean, were very active. Methods to overcome imbalance of spatial data infrastructure among ministries were proposed, for example, enhancing effectiveness of benefit/cost and spatial technologies fit for individual island nations.

The ISCGM informal meeting was held on February 29th with the participation of 20 persons from 13 countries. The agenda of the meeting was to exchange information on developing Global Map Version 1, to discuss measures enhancing the use of Global Map including Global Map Forum and to discuss Phase 3 Strategies. Coverage of Global Map was 49.1% on territorial basis. The 15% increase since July last year showed steady progress of Global Mapping. Mr. Edwin Hunt, Chile, reported significant contribution of PAIGH to Global Map of Central and South America. And Mr. Jay Donnelly, USA, explained current cooperation process in North America. Many fruitful opinions will help and encourage participating organizations to move forward Version 1 data development toward completion. The report of the informal meeting will be distributed to participating organizations by the Secretariat.



The Third Global Mapping Seminar in Dakar

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The Third Global Mapping Seminar in Dakar was held at Direction des Travaux Géographiques et Cartographiques (DTGC) in Dakar, Senegal of West Africa from 28 – 29 January 2008. This seminar was organized by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan, the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM), and DTGC with the support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The seminar is held as a part of Global Mapping Partnership Program (GMPP) inviting people of National Mapping Organizations (NMOs) to promote the development of Global Map in the developing and other countries. To date it has been held in Nairobi, Kenya from 2002 - 2004 and in Dakar, Senegal from 2005 - 2006, annually and respectively, and this is the sixth seminar of the series.

The objectives of the seminar are as follows:

1. To enlighten the significance of the Global Mapping project and facilitate the project participation
2. Technological transfer for creating Global Map data and facilitation of the data development
3. Promotion of the development of National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) started from

developing Global Map data

4. Information exchange among NMOs in the African Region

Totally nine people (one person from Cote d'Ivoire, and two persons from Burkina Faso, Guinea, Niger and Senegal) participated in the seminar. At the opening, the Minister of Infrastructure, Land Transport, Telecommunication and TICS of Senegal and Chef of Bureau, JICA Senegal attended and delivered congratulatory addresses. The two-day-long seminar was so productive that the schedule was extend for two hours each day due to active questions and exchange of ideas.

The outcomes of the seminar are as follows:

1. Cooperation in the mapping sector between Senegal and Japan was further strengthened.
2. Awareness and understanding of the Global Mapping project was raised among the participating countries.
3. Project participation was expressed newly from Cote d'Ivoire.

The successful completion of the two-day-long seminar will contribute largely to the promotion of the Global Mapping project in the African Region.



Global Mapping Forum 2008

A “Global Mapping Forum 2008” will be held in Tokyo, Japan organized by Geographical Survey Institute (GSI), International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM) and United Nations University (UNU). The participation in this forum needs advanced registration which can be made through the forum web page. The details of the forum are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 5th June – Saturday, 7th June, 2008

Venue: United Nations University (Shibuya-Ku, Tokyo, Japan)

Admission: Free (needs advanced registration)

Web site: <http://www.gmforum2008.org/>

Program (provisional)

Wednesday, 5th June

Opening

Keynote lectures by ISCGM Chair and others

Special lecture by Dr. Yoshio Tsukio, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo

Lectures: Dr. Paul Cheung, Director, Statistics Division, United Nations, and others

Friday, 6th June (Titles of the sessions below are tentative.)

Session 1: Development and revision of Global Map

Session 2: Development of large-area digital geographic information and its application to environmental fields

Session 3: Application of Global Map/large-area digital geographic information to global environmental fields

Session 4: Application of Global Map/large-area digital geographic information to various fields

Panel discussion: Toward the development of Global Map Version 2 (provisional)

Closing

Saturday, 7th June

Excursion: A visit to “Global Map School”* is scheduled.

* Global Map School: A program linking Japan and a foreign country via the teleconference systems, in which introduction of each country and discussion are done based on Global Map between respective junior high and high school students.

The secretariat of the ISCGM would be happy to answer any questions on the Global Mapping Forum 2008.

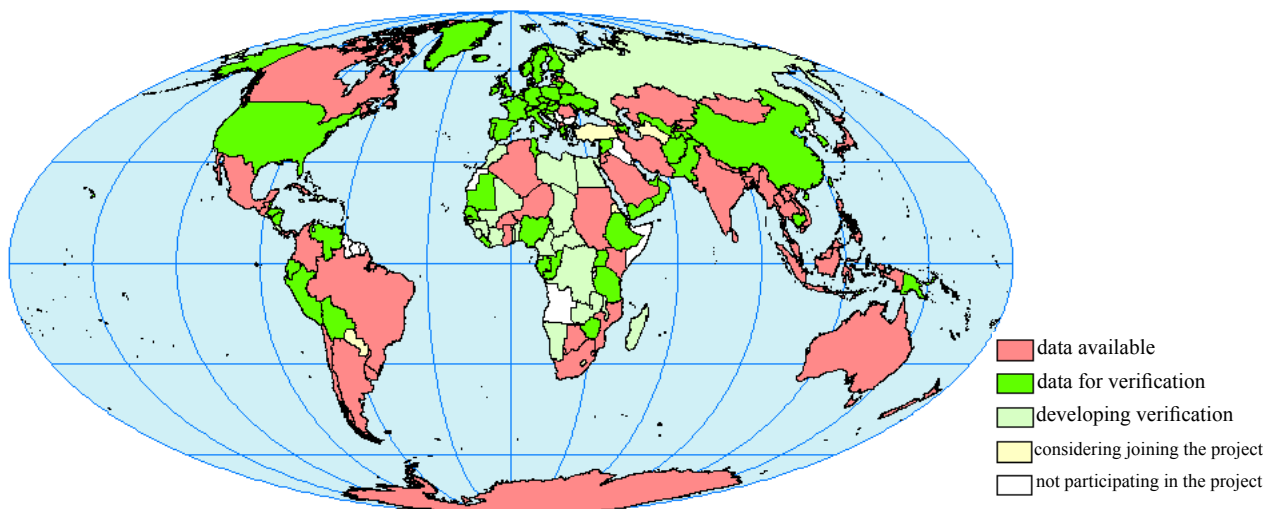


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Global Map Data Release and Participation in the Global Mapping Project

Global Map data of 6 countries are released since the last announcement on December 25, 2007. The name of these countries/regions and the date of release are: Georgia and Mozambique on January 18, Romania and Hong Kong, SAR China on February 18, Chile on February 21 and Palestine on March 18, 2008. Four countries newly participated in the project. The name of these countries and dates of their participation are: Cote d'Ivoire on December 13, Monte Negro on December 19, Sierra Leone on December 25, 2007, and Cape Verde on March 12, 2008. Currently 163 countries/16 regions participate in the Global Mapping project.



Global Map and Related Meetings

Followings are Global Map and related meetings. Information on related meetings will be highly appreciated.

2008

- **15-17 April, Canberra, Australia**
PCGIAP Executive Board Meeting
- **29 - 30 May, Copenhagen, Denmark**
ISO/TC 211 26th Plenary
- **4 June, Tokyo, Japan**
15th Meeting of ISCGM
- **5 - 7 June, Tokyo, Japan**
Global Mapping Forum 2008
- **14 - 19 June, Stockholm, Sweden**
FIG XXXI General Assembly and Working Week

- **3 - 11 July, Beijing, China**
The XXI Congress of the ISPRS
- **19 - 22 August, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**
The 14th PCGIAP Meeting and the International Seminar on Land Administration and Spatially Enabled Government (including ISCGM Informal Meeting)

2009

- **15 - 19 June, Rotterdam, Netherlands**
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