

National Think Tank Meeting

2nd December, Hyderabad

Key Takeaways

- Having an autonomous body on top is a good suggestion
- Put this document on public domain and outreach through social media for further feedback
- Capacity Development initiatives for bridging the gap between academia and industry
 - Come out with a forecast on employment for the country
 - Recognition of geospatial as a job skill subset
 - Take geospatial to schools
- Moving ahead without raising concerns for any specific agency
- Don't stress on one common data platform is a non-starter because of historical baggage
- Include biodiversity, environment, carbon elements to the document
- Outreach strategy
 - Build awareness and involvement of civil society, civil institutions, governments
 - Identify champions within the government to take the baton forward
 - Social media engagements
 - Involve partner organizations as well
- Policy statement needs to highlight that it is for India and in Indian context
- Formalize a vision statement
- Accessibility to appropriate data – mechanisms to be developed
- Document to talk about how to make people/project/technology future ready
- Involve state governments for feedback mechanism and in future course
- Build solutions focused on Indian context rather than international learning
 - Focus on top 3-4 challenges and align on them to showcase Indian success stories
- Create geospatial cells in the key sectors – water, urban development, agriculture, disaster management etc.
- Economic value of geospatial needs to be spread across ministries in terms of money/resources/lives saved