

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Time: 5:30 – 19:00 hrs (IST).

Venue: Online (Microsoft Teams)

Program Committee Members	Secretariat
John David Kedar, Geospatial Media Derek Clarke, WGIC Paul Janssen, Geonovum Francois Robida, BRGM Albert Momo, Trimble Gregory Scott, UN-GGIM Amit Mukherjee, NIAS Anamika Das, Geospatial Media Ashok Jani, FES Dr Zaffar Sadiq Mohamed-Ghouse, Spatial Vision Carl D Shapiro, USGS Qassim Abdullah, Woolpert Siau Yong NG (SLA) and Rolando Ocampo (UN-CEPAL) extended his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. Lee Mou Jian (SLA) and Monica Aguayo (UN-CEPAL) were nominated to attend the meeting on their behalf.	Sanjay Kumar Prashant Joshi Tuba Zahra

1. Welcome by the Chair

Chair welcomed members, noting that tentative meeting scheduled in July was rescheduled to September to allow roundtables and Covid planning. He noted that the project was consequently very different from how we saw it unfolding earlier in the year. This meeting is conducted to assess the progress of the project and discuss what we have delivered what we were aiming to in the first year of the 3-year program. He noted and congratulated UNSD on progressing the IGIF through the Committee of Experts and Geospatial Media and Communication on the launch of GWPrime.

2. Project Progress Report

Anamika Das reported that:

- Two new partners – Woolpert, an architecture, engineering and geospatial solution provider; and FES, Non-profit organization based out of India involved in ecological conservation of land and water resources.
- Discussion document has been completed and uploaded on the website
- Blogs, GWPrime articles and webinar posts have been updated as part of the outreach activity
- Webinar conducted on 8th July 2020 via webinar jam with 357 attendees; Twitter 214; YouTube 229 and Facebook 174.
- Virtual roundtables were conducted for USA and South Africa with 48 and 34 participants respectively
- Webpage is uploaded with project details and activities conducted.

Greg Scott noted that GKI holds a lot of promise and we must focus on the objectives. COVID has had a big impact on the everyone. He noted that webinars are good and bring people to the table thereby networking with broader audience and have a wider geographical coverage than physical presence.

Action:

- Secretariat to share list of Participants at Roundtables

3. Virtual Roundtable Feedback

The meeting heard feedback from those who have led discussions at the Roundtables:

Greg Scott noted the different dynamics of the first two roundtables and stressed the need to continue to communicate the idea of GKI by retaining the engagement of those at the roundtables and other virtual events. Roundtables are successful but should also provide means for capacity building and develop understanding on how future partnerships can be built.

Derek Clarke noted that concept of GKI well received by participants but stressed that too many speakers taking time that should be available to all attendees. He stressed the need to connect NSDI – IGIF – GKI, to use in-country participants and to follow up with key participants and retain interest and support.

Carl Shapiro noted that there was a continued interest to participate and more enthusiasm on being involved and informed on the progress of the GKI program post roundtable and suggested that the international community should continue to engage and conduct discussions on certain GKI topics and ideas. He stressed the importance of diversity of stakeholders/participants.

Dr Zaffar Mohamed-Ghouse suggested taking questions in advance to save time.

Prashant Joshi noted the changes planned for future roundtables:

- Seek greater range of participants
- Reduce the number of speakers and agree a specific discussion point with each
- Give UNSD a 5 minute agenda item to express relationship between IGIF and GKI before the panel discussions
- Group call between chairs and speakers in plenty of time before the roundtable to maximise roundtable benefits
- Follow-Up engagement with 4 to 8 participants.

4. GKI Feedback

John Kedar briefed on the technical feedback received on GKI, the points being included in the meeting slide pack. Feedback was from speakers, Chatbox messages/texts and thank you note written post the virtual event/meeting. It was agreed that a revised version of the Discussion Paper should be produced once roundtables and follow up discussions complete rather than wait for the Report. The need to demonstrate how GKI fits in the wider digital ecosystem, carry GKI into all nations and demonstrate the value proposition are part of this.

Action:

- The Discussion Document to be revised after Roundtables and follow up discussions complete (January 2021).

5. Revised Plan of activity

Anamika Das reminded meeting on previously agreed programme and noted the ongoing impact of Covid had led to a revised plan for the rest of 2020-2021 against each of planned deliverables:

- Webpage
- In-country Roundtable
- Executive Panel
- Showcase
- Report
- Training

She stated that these activities would have to take place virtually except training program which will be hosted during GWF 2021 in June.

- Webpage: Will be populated with interviews and case studies. Outreach via GW Prime, Geospatial World Resource portal, conferences, etc.
- In-country Roundtable will all be virtual and extended to mid-December. The intended programme is:
 - Sept – Singapore;
 - Oct – Nepal, Netherlands, India, France;
 - November – Sweden (NP), UAE, Malaysia (NP), Ghana (NP);
 - Dec – Indonesia (NP), China (NP), Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia (NP)

where NP = No country partner now

- GKI Summit – Combined Showcase and Executive Panel conducted virtually in February. Bringing together representation from roundtable discussions, PPP discussions and Partners showcase ideas.
- Report – To be finalized in April adapted from the roundtable and follow-up discussions, secondary research, and primary interactions with stakeholders. The Annual Report will talk about the importance in the digitalization process. Network, connect and communicate with people from Social, Technology, Research, Leaders, etc. on one common platform.
- Training – Program, instructors and lesson objectives already defined based on IGIF pathways but revision to be made in March based on GKI report. Whilst still aiming for in-person in May/June 2021.
- Year1 project to be extended until April.

Looking beyond Year 1, Geospatial Media and Communications vision for the first year is socialization and development concept. In the second year, to develop national strategies and prepare government to develop those strategies. Develop strategies for select countries for the contextualization of the concept. In the third year, review countries as case study how to help politically and determine the level of geospatial maturity. Ultimately to aspire to a high-level network including a global think-tank to evangelize the concept to political leaders.

A number of significant points were made in discussion:

- The need to successfully plant GKI in the Data and 4IR ecosystem and ensure that the first Report enables this.

- Whether the project had shifted from including developing nations capacity building to an 'academic' look at GKI. Training had originally been the first deliverable but had been worst impacted by Covid; it has been delayed not removed. The notion remains to develop GKI concept and showcase its value proposition in economy and society. Whilst doing so, we would also support and engage developing countries. Project is not aimed exclusively at developing countries only but is a global project having component of supporting developing countries.
- The need to consider the initiative from a political point of view, including at EU level.
- Engagement must keep going throughout the period.

Actions:

- Secretariat to place greater focus going forward on partnerships, diversity, and continuity, noting that the language used in the Report and communications needs to reflect this.
- Chair to convene a workshop inviting a sub-group of this committee after the roundtables to consider the plans for Years 2 and 3 and make recommendations back to the Committee.

6. AOB and Next Meeting

- 17th December