Project: Advancing Role of Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure in World Economy, Society and Environment
PROJECT GOVERNANCE BOARD

3rd June 2020
Minutes of Meeting

Attendees

Program Committee Members	Invited Guests	Secretariat
1. Albert Momo, Trimble 2. Alvaro Mauricio Monett Hernandez, UN-CEPAL 3. Amit Mukherjee, NIAS 4. Carl D Shapiro, USGS 5. Derek Clarke, WGIC 6. Francesco Pignatelli, JRC 7. Francois Robida, BRGM 8. Gregory Scott, UNSD 9. John Kedar, Geospatial Media (Chair) 10. NG Siau Yong, SLA 11. Pardeep Singh, SoI 12. Paul Janssen, Geonovum 13. Rolando Ocampo, UN-CEPAL 14. Dr Zaffar Sadiq Mohamed-Ghouse, Spatial Vision Tan Boon Khai, SLA extended his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.	1. Carrie Stokes, USAID 2. Julianna Campbell, USAID 3. Peter Rabley, The Place Fund	1. Sanjay Kumar 2. Anamika Das 3. Prashant Joshi 4. Megha Datta

1. Welcome by the chair

Chair welcomed members and noted that Sanjay had briefed GKI during his presentation at the UNGGIM HLF and that Covid 19 continued to lead to the need for changes and flexibility in the delivery of the Programme.

2. Project Progress Report

Since travel to countries is still not a possibility, secretariat has proposed to begin online engagement/consultations with selected country stakeholders with the objective of gathering background understanding for developing the Report. The essence of these meetings will be taken up as discussion points during the in-country roundtables planned to start from Oct 2020. Organizations will be identified in consultation with the country-partner organization for virtual roundtable discussions and invites will be sent by secretariat.

The number of countries will be extended from 15 provided we have a partner from that country. Discussions are taking place with Mexico and Colombia to ensure Latin America represented.

The First Year project will extend an extra month to 31st Jan 2021. Secretariat needs to come up with Plan B in case January timeline for training and showcase does not work and brief at the next Program Committee Board meeting.

3. Activity Plan

The presentation containing the detail is attached, key slides being Nos 8 (Timelines) and 9 (Country Virtual Roundtables and 'on-ground' engagement.

Members noted that it would be difficult to get the right people for a few countries that are proposed for June/July as that will be busy time.

Partners expressed the need to get the format, attendance and dates agreed for the programme of virtual roundtables as soon as practicable. Partners are therefore requested to suggest the best times, and bad times, for the virtual roundtables to take place between July and October. The secretariat will then contact each partner to fix dates and outline plans for the virtual roundtables and accordingly finalize the dates.

Actions:

- Members to consider proposed windows for virtual roundtables and feedback to Secretariat by 10th June
- Secretariat to follow up with Partners to agree detail and confirm dates by 17th June.

4. Presentation on First Draft of the GKI concept

Members had seen the Early First Draft, which was presented. The Slides are in the attached presentation. It was stressed that this is start of a 'journey' that will last until the Report is published in January.

5. Discussion and First Thoughts

- What is the problem that GKI is seeking to solve?
- What is the need for GKI, is it coming from outside world that affects the potential characteristics and elements of GKI?
- How do we see GKI being used?
- Insular - how does it connect with the outside world?
- Is GKI intended to be a standards group? An advocacy group? Technology? Appears to be a 'network' like SDI.
- Gives vision and direction to the future as geospatial evolves.
- How GKI connects with public or private sector decision making
- Importance of looking through industry lens.
- Hard sell. Geospatial is not a sector in eyes of wider industry, rather part of wider data environment.
- GKI is 'beyond IGIF' and might inform how IGIF develops in the next decade.
- GKI paradigm is more on user centric than data or process, so, must be as much about human knowledge as machine.
- GKI is looking through the technology lens with more focus on disruption, innovation, transformation and integration.
- What are points of connection, key drivers, issues that we are facing that GKI be used

- The term "Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure" is not intuitive. What is the difference between "Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure" and simply "Geospatial Infrastructure" or "Geospatial Ecosystem Infrastructure"?
- What is the definition in context to the diagram?
- Both 'geospatial' and 'spatial' terms are being used in the draft document. There needs to be consistency in using just the one of the two - preferably 'geospatial'.
- How do we share the results of GKI with the outside world?

Actions:

- Further points, ideas or comments to secretariat by 12 June. All
- Taking account comments, the early first draft to be formalised into a first draft paper, 15-19 June. Chair and secretariat
- Publication on website: 22-26 June. Secretariat
- Webinar: First week July, date to be fixed and publicised ASP. Secretariat
- Further discussions during virtual country round-tables. Secretariat and Members

6. AOB and Next Meeting

There was a request for longer meetings in future. Date of next meeting to be publicised with these MoM.

Proposed date for next meeting is 23rd July

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