

## **Map World Forum, a Global Geospatial Community Meet**

*19 June 2006, New Delhi, India:* On the occasion of 10 years of Map India series of conferences, GIS Development is announcing a global meet of geospatial leaders known as Map World Forum. MAP WORLD FORUM will be a medium of convergence of various stakeholders of global geospatial community and its integration with end users of geospatial information. Map World Forum will be a combination of activities in the form of seminars, workshops and panel discussions covering technology to policy to user oriented themes at global level.

Extending his welcome to global geospatial community to participate in Map World Forum, Kapil Sibal, Hon Minister of Science and Technology, Government of India says 'India is now being seen as a hub of economic activity globally. The Indian Government is committed that this economic leadership should also be visible in the area of science. Keeping this in mind, we have planned to create the 'Map World Forum', which will try to bring the global leadership in geospatial sciences at one mega forum. This platform will be a rare opportunity where for the first time the various leading organisations, both public, private and scientific research associations, will come under one roof to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the geospatial science and technology growth and its role for human development in the next decade'.

Associations and representative bodies in Geospatial community have pledged their active support to Map World Forum. Mark Reichardt, President, Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) in message puts across, "The Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc., as the world's leading geospatial implementation standards development organization is proud to be part of Map World Forum". Prof. Milan Konecny, President, International Cartographic Association (ICA), says, "ICA welcomes Map World Forum as a platform for fruitful cooperation between various geo disciplines to solve urgent problems of contemporary world". Ian Dowman, President, International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS), on Map World Forum says, "This meeting is an excellent opportunity for international organisations involved in the production and use of geospatial data to come together and discuss the challenges and opportunities which face the industry". Peter Holland, President, Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (PCGIAP), in his message says, "Map World Forum, undoubtedly one of the largest events of its kind, showcases the expertise and cutting-edge technology of this geospatial community". Robert M. Samborski, Executive Director, Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA), in his support message says, "We take great pride in joining a very distinguished group of partners and sponsors from around the world to contribute to what will be an extraordinary event in Hyderabad".

Map World Forum has been receiving overwhelming response since its inception and more than fifty high profile geospatial leaders have agreed to participate in the International Advisory Board various stakeholders from academia, industry, public organisations, and non-governmental professional associations.

The Map World Forum will have four Plenary Sessions, twelve Seminars and four Workshops. It will feature an Editors' Forums, a Students' Forum and a Poster Gallery as well in addition to many industry user meets. It will have about 75 exhibitors displaying their products and services from across the world in over 35,000 Sq. Ft. of covered space. Above two thousand and five hundred delegates are expected to participate in this conference.



The Map World Forum takes pride to announce its Media Partners, Asian Surveying and Mapping (Australia), Directions Mag (US), Geo World (US), GIM International (The Netherlands) and Geo:connexion (UK). Editors of the Media Partners would participate in Editors' Forum and contribute in overall design of the Conference agenda.

The industry sponsors for Map World Forum are Leica GeoSystems and Rolta India as Platinum Sponsors, Digital Globe as Gold Sponsor and Speck Systems as Silver Sponsor. Many more companies are likely to join the Map World Forum very soon.

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