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Map Africa 2008: The Prestigious African Conference on Geospatial Technology

New Delhi, India, July 10, 2008 – GIS Development, organiser of Map Africa 2008, the third Annual African Conference and Exhibition on Geographical Information Technology and Applications, is pleased to announce the distinguished line of Conference Speakers. Map Africa 2008, which is being co-organised by the Department of Land Affairs, South Africa is scheduled for August 25 – 26, 2008 at Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa.

Dr. Derek Clarke, Chief Director: Surveys and Mapping, South Africa and co-organiser of the conference said, “Map Africa 2008 brings to us top quality international speakers in the field of geo-spatial information science and technology, such as Vanessa Lawrence, Ian Williamson, Bill Cartwright and Josef Strobl. Having such renowned speakers on our doorstep at the same time does not happen often, so this is a golden opportunity to interact with these experts and our colleagues from Africa. My staff will participate in building their knowledge of the utilization of geo-spatial information for the development of Africa.”

On the occasion, Sanjay Kumar, Chief Executive Officer GIS Development expressed his pleasure by stating, “We are really glad to announce the distinguished line of speakers for Map Africa 2008. I am confident that the expertise and experience of such outstanding speakers will contribute to developing the knowledge base of the African geospatial community. I welcome the participants and exhibitors to the conference and sincerely hope that each participant can derive maximum out of this opportunity.”

The confirmed speakers for the conference are:

Inaugural Speakers

Dr. Vanessa Lawrence

Director General and Chief Executive Officer
Ordnance Survey
Great Britain

Prof. William Cartwright

President
International Cartographic Association
Australia

Dr. Derek Clarke

Chief Director Surveys & Mapping
Department of Land Affairs
South Africa

Dr. Marc Tremblay

Vice President and General Manager - CBU
DigitalGlobe
USA

Keynote Speakers

Prof. Ian Williamson

University of Melbourne
Australia

Dr. R S Rao

Senior Regional Sales Director-
Middle East, Africa, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka,
GeoEye
USA

Dr. Hartmut Rosengarten

Programme Manager - Europe, Middle East and Africa
 Intergraph Earth Imaging Solution Centre
 Germany

Kaushik Chakraborty

Vice President
 India, Middle East & Africa
 Erdas
 India

Prof. Arup Dasgupta

Managing Editor
 GIS Development
 India

Prof. Josef Strobl

Director
 Center for Geoinformatics
 University of Salzburg
 Austria

Eng. Mohammed Al Zaffin

Director GIS Centre
 Dubai Municipality
 UAE

John Sasser

President
 Rolta Middle East and Africa
 UAE

Over the last two years, Map Africa conference has witnessed tremendous growth, in terms of participating delegates, speakers as well as companies participating in the exhibition. This year, the exhibition of Map Africa 2008 will provide opportunity to the following companies and agencies to showcase their latest offerings to the participating delegates:

AAM Hatch	Antirx Corporation, India	Computa Maps	Department of Land Affairs, South Africa
DigitalGlobe	Erdas	Fugro Maps	GeoEye
GeoSence	Reutech Radar Systems	Rolta Simeka	Southern Mapping Company
Sivan Design	Speck Systems	SuperGeo	Vexcel

Map Africa 2008 poses to be an ideal networking hub and a not-to-be-missed destination for professionals, academicians, researchers and industry personnel of Africa.

About GIS Development

GIS Development is an organisation dedicated to developing a Global Geospatial Communications Network. It strives to promote and propagate the use of geospatial technologies in various application areas for economic and social development. It remains dedicated to foster the growing network of those interested in geo-informatics worldwide and particularly in Asia. Through its activities - Magazine, Portal, Conferences, Training, Education and Research - it assists communities and governments in developing capabilities, policies and programmes as well as facilitates knowledge transfer to grassroot level.

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