

**EUROPEAN UMBRELLA ORGANISATION FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
(EUROGI)**

**PRESENTATION TO THE EXTRA MEMBERS
MEETING IN LISBON ON 26 OCTOBER 2007
ON
THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WORKING and
ADVISORY GROUP**

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EUROGI Extra Members Meeting Lisbon 26&27 October 2007



OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- **WAG FOCUS AREAS**
- **REVIEW WAG ACTIVITIES IN 2007**
- **2008 AND BEYOND**



WAG FOCUS AREAS

- **AID PROGRAMMES**
- **AFRICA AND EASTERN EUROPE**



WAG ACTIVITIES IN 2007

- **MEETING IN JOHANNESBURG WITH PAN-
AFRICAN STAKEHOLDERS (JANUARY 2007)**
- **UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA'S
CODIV CONFERENCE (APRIL/MAY 2007)**
- **AESI-ALIGN FP7 PROPOSAL (MAY 2007)**
- **TISZA CATCHMENT (Eastern Europe) PROJECT
WORKSHOP (JUNE 2007)**
- **GI AND DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION
WORKSHOP: BRUSSELS (OCTOBER 2007)**
- **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS – AFRICA, EASTERN
EUROPE, EU COMMISSION & GLOBAL**



2007 : EUROGI / PAN-AFRICAN STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

- **2 DAY JANUARY WORKSHOP IN PRETORIA
ATTENDED BY ROGER LONGHORN AND BRUCE
McCORMACK ON BEHALF OF EUROGI**
- **SET BASIS FOR BUILDING NETWORK AND
LIAISON BETWEEN EUROGI AND KEY AFRICAN
STAKEHOLDERS**
- **AGREED**
 - IMPORTANT TO BUILD LONG TERM EUROGI / AFRICAN
RELATIONSHIPS
 - EUROGI COORDINATE/LEAD FROM EUROPE
 - HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL (South Africa)
COORDINATE FOR AFRICAN STAKEHOLDERS



2007 : UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA'S CODIV CONFERENCE

- **ADDIS ABABA IN MAY 2007**
- **UNECA IS THE COORDINATION OF GI/SDI ACROSS AFRICA**
- **BIENNIAL CODI CONFERENCES ARE THE KEY EVENTS IN AFRICAN GI/SDI ... DRAW FROM ACROSS ALL OF AFRICA AT OFFICIAL GOVT. LEVEL + STAKEHOLDERS**
- **BRUCE McCORMACK REPRESENTED EUROGI**
- **EUROGI KEY ROLE IN GETTING IMPORTANT AGREEMENT**
 - During further discussion, the subcommittee (GeoInformation Committee) considered a suggestion that projects funded by overseas agencies should support the establishment of SDIs and should fully incorporate geographical information into projects and programmes funded from these sources. The subcommittee endorsed this suggestion.



2007 - AESI-ALIGN FP7 PROPOSAL

- **SUBMITTED MAY 2007**
- **NOT SUCCESSFUL**
 - ‘SOMEWHAT SQUARE PEG IN ROUND HOLE’
 - NEED TO BE TIGHTER AND BETTER ON DETAILS / ROLES ETC
- **LESSONS LEARNED / BENEFITS**
 - BUILT GOOD STRONG NETWORK WITH KEY GI/SDI AFRICAN COLLEAGUES
 - NEED TO BE MORE CERTAIN ... ‘ROUND PEG/ROUND HOLE’
 - NEED TO START PREPARING EARLIER
 - NEED TO FEED THROUGH EUROGI BETTER
 - AESI-ALIGN WAS A VERY GOOD STEP IN A LONGER TERM NETWORK/CONTACTS BUILDING PROCESS
 - NEED TO RAISE AWARENESS/DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS IN COMMISSION



2007 – TISZA CATCHMENT

- **AIM**
 - INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT + BUILD SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS
- **IHLET ARE PROJECT LEADERS**
 - PUBLIC BENEFIT COMPANY WHICH IS A MEMBER OF HUNAGI
 - 1000 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN 5 COUNTRIES (UA, SK, RO, SER and HU) + INVITED STAKEHOLDERS
 - AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH UKRAINE IN SEPTEMBER 2007
 - PREPARATORY TALKS WITH SERBIA UNDERWAY
- **IHLET LINKS**
 - EXTENDED NETWORK OF CATCHMENTS INC. VIETNAM/THAILAND, KENYA. ARGENTINA. GEORGIA AND MOSEL (W. EUROPE) AND TISZA (E. CENTRAL EUROPE)
 - INVITED EXPERTS OF EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS
- **WORKSHOP IN BRUSSELS IN JUNE 2007**
 - SOUND EUROGI ATTENDANCE
 - EUROGI PROMOTED RESOLUTIONS
 - IHLET TO JOIN EUROGI ... THEY NOW APPLIED
 - ABOUT BUILDING GI AND SDIS INTO DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE
- **IA WAG PRODUCED MANUAL ON HOW TO ESTABLISH A NGIA 'FROM SCRATCH'**



GI & DEV. COOPERATION WORKSHOP

- **HELD IN SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY – OCTOBER 2007**
- **ATTENDANCE FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION DGs, USAID, JICA, UN SDI SECRETARIAT, WHO, AFRICAN EMBASSIES LOCATED IN BRUSSELS**
- **VERY FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS**
- **SOME OUTCOMES**
 - ESTABLISHED NEW CONTACTS ... NETWORK BUILDING
 - BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW AID, RESEARCH ETC WORKS AT THE COMMISSION
 - OPENED NEW OPPORTUNITIES WITH COMMISSION
 - INPUT INTO 2009 FP7 PROPOSAL CALL
 - 3 PAGE NON-TECHNICAL DOCUMENT > 8000 PEOPLE AROUND WORLD ON IMPORTANCE OF GI AND NEED TO DEVELOP SDI's
 - 20-40 PAGE TECHNICAL DOCUMENT ON GI, GIS & SDIs TO GO TO ABOUT 700 TECHNICAL PEOPLE AROUND WORLD
 - AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO MEET AGAIN IN MAY 2008
 - SINCE WORKSHOP ... ROGER LONGHORN MET DG RESEARCH AND DG EUROPEAID OFFICIALS + SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY PERSON

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2007 - BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS (1)

- **AFRICA**

- UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (GI/SDI Coordinators across Africa)
- HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL
- EIS-AFRICA (Pan African GI NGO)
- THROUGH THE ABOVE TO
 - EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH BODIES ACROSS AFRICA
 - ALL MEMBER STATES
 - AFRICAN UNION
 - NEPAD
 - AFRICAN ISO/TC 211 COMMITTEE



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS (2)

- **EASTERN EUROPE**
 - IHLET GROUP
- **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**
 - DG RESEARCH
 - DG DEVELOPMENT
 - DG EUROPEAID
 - DG JRC
- **GLOBAL**
 - US AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)
 - JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA)
 - WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)
 - UN SDI WORKING GROUP
 - WORLD BANK (Through HSRC)
 - EARTH OBSERVATION COMMUNITY (CEOS WGISS)
 - FIG SDI WG



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS (3)

OVERALL STATUS

- **AFRICA**
 - EXCELLENT
- **EASTERN EUROPE**
 - GOOD START
 - MORE TO DO
- **EU COMMISSION**
 - EARLY STAGES
 - SOMEWHAT AD HOC NEED TO CONSOLIDATE / TAKE FORWARD
- **EUROPEAN GI RELATED NGOs**
 - APART FROM EUROGEOSURVEYS, NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS DEVELOPED
- **EUROPEAN MEMBER STATE DONOR BODIES**
 - NO RELATIONSHIPS OF ANY NOTE
- **GLOBAL**
 - SOUND WITH USAID, JICA, WHO AND UN SDI SECRETARIAT
 - CONSOLIDATION REQUIRED
 - WEAK WITH GSDI ASSOCIATION



2008 AND BEYOND (1)

- **WAG MEMBERSHIP**
 - WIDER WAG MEMBER INVOLVEMENT
 - EXPAND NUMBERS FROM WITHIN EUROGI AND OUTSIDE
- **DEVELOP MEDIUM TO LONG TERM STRATEGY FOR EMBEDDING GI/GIS IN DEV. COOPERATION**
 - NATURE AND EXTENT OF NETWORKS
 - EXPAND AND CONSOLIDATE AMONGST AFRICAN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN BODIES
 - DRAW IN EU MEMBER STATES AID BODIES/DEPARTMENTS
 - STRENGTHEN and CONSOLIDATE RELATIONS WITH EU COMMISSION BODIES
 - DRAW IN ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EUROPEAN NGIAs
 - STRENGTHEN and CONSOLIDATE RELATIONS WITH GLOBAL AID AGENCIES AND GSDI ASSOCIATION
 - POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND BEST PRACTICE
 - DEVELOP POLICIES AND BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES



2008 AND BEYOND (2)

- ROLLING OUT THE GUIDELINES - IMPLEMENTATION
 - EMBED GUIDELINES INTO DONOR POLICY AND PRACTICE
 - SUPPORT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OWN PROCESSES RE HOW TO EMBED GI AND DEVELOP SDI's
- PUBLICITY / COMMUNICATION
- FUNDING
 - IDENTIFY SOURCES/CALLS AND GO FOR FUNDING
- **BROAD APPROACH**
 - CONSOLIDATE ON 2007 ACHIEVEMENTS
 - BE FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE
 - LOOK FOR NEW EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES



***“Vision without action is merely a dream
Action without vision is merely passing time
Vision with action can change the world”***

Nelson Mandela

