



UNGIWG

United Nations **Geographic Information** Working Group

Task Group 3.5 Progress Report

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- Geonetwork (FAO OCHA UNEP + gov'ts)
 - > 200 installations operational now
- Full new version (2.1) released
 - Better metadata harvesting management
 - Open-archive -> visible to search engines, can harvest from academic libraries
- FAO -> OSGEO foundation



- UNSDI-Transport (JLC GLC WFP + NGOs)
 - Common terminology agreed
 - Geodatabase schema published
 - Operational deployment (inc. FAO) - Advocacy - Trainings



- SDI-East Africa (FAO OCHA UNHCR UNEP + NGOs + IGOs)

Operational sites in East Africa including DEPHA

Regional consultation – 45 participants, 6 countries

Hands-on Training – 7 sessions, nearly 60 participants



- Other
 - Wikis for UNGIWG TG
- TG-5 GNSS
 - Will report later?



- Need technical governance framework
 - Rules of engagement, implementation guidelines
 - Knowledge dissemination: Need to publish a cores set of vocabulary, data structures, Identifying reliable authorities, quality of data, provenance
 - Relationships for continuity of data supply chains e.g. UNHCR IDPs -> DEPHA -> internet
 - UN HQ network policy prevents servers on the internet
 - Management buy-in of Principle of Re-use
- Improving data collection e.g. automating manual steps in aligning field data



In the context of the UNSDI proposed implementation process

1. Create training materials and experiences informing other activities
2. Collect implementation guidelines, best practices (www.ungiwg.org?)
3. More management-level outreach
4. Implement e.g. quality descriptions through tools like Geonetwork
5. Negotiate with DevInfo



- Strategic

- Engage in establishing the tech. Governance framework – define use cases etc.

- Draft implementation requirements staff/ finance/ infrastructure to participate in UNSDI

- Tactical

- Upgrade most Geonetwork sites

- Continue SDI-EA align with UNEP capacity building with One-UN pilot countries, and UNSDI-T with country operations

- Streamline field data collection

- Help operationalize more places e.g UNOSAT



- Joint Actions with TG-4

- Establish common symbol service

- Incorporate common SLDs into Geonetwork distros
(possible auto update/ harvesting later)