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United Nations **Geographic Information** Working Group

Task Group
Map Production Guidelines
Progress Report

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Inventory/Stocktaking

- The result was a mixed set of resources, varied in scope and technical guidance and comprehensiveness
- Inventory of agency/office guides, templates and symbol libraries posted to: www.ungiwg.org/maps
- New activities/updates underway by OCHA, UNHCR, WHO

Ground work laid for *Inter-Agency Map Workshop*

GOAL: Build skills, leverage community knowledge and produce better maps

- Initial consultation with key partners,
- laid foundation for action and
- drafted concept note and meeting agenda circulated

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UNGIWG Map Guide References

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1. [Mapping Standards for Standard Topographic Line Map Series, | PDF comprehensive and practical guidelines including templ technical advice](#)
2. [United Nations Military Symbols Handbook | 2003 | PDF file wi of symbols, particular focus on peacekeeping](#)
3. [Cartographic Section Guideline For Map Clearance: Summary of Disputes and Geo-Political Anomalies | Oct 2005 | PDF file wit including cartographic representation for disputed areas](#)

Joint Logistics Centre (JLC)

[UNSDI-T Operational Style Library | 2007 | Working ESRI style library of standard symbols, focus on transport and logistics](#)

FAO

[A Spatial Standards and Norms Proposal for FAO Interdisciplinary GIS | comprehensive and practical guidelines on map creation](#)

WFP

[The VAM Mapping Database and Standard Mapping Guidelines | Mar 2003 | zipped PDF guide including Template layout, cartographic guides, symbols and pallets, ISD alpha-3 codes, map links to resources](#)

UNHCR

1. [Draft: Protection-related Symbolology for GIS Catalogue Developed by UNHCR for Use in Humanitarian Operations, version 1 | Sept 2006 |](#)
 - a. [PDF style sheet](#)
 - b. [TrueType file \(70k\)](#)
2. [Chapter 3.7 from GIMU Symbols Description, V8; Symbols used on UNHCR maps | 2006 | PDF style sheet with some guidelines](#)



Ground work laid on Style Layer Descriptor (SLD) testing on web services

- Operability Task Team
- External partners through the Secretariat

Advocacy for STDs and exchange

- East Africa SDI
- Nairobi Regional IMT Working Group
- other in ad hoc, etc

Informal TT participants inventory



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Define Universal UN standard symbol set

(flexible stds)

agencies have varied map production standards
.....symbol use and endorsement, exchange
formats and technical guidance

Community building



Definition of stds

- Identify flexible standards for exchange through peer review/interview/survey (variety...ESRI, Google, TTF)
- Collection of symbols, templates and guidelines from different organisations in the Headquarters level
- Continue to update the web site and distribute symbols through GeoNetwork, etc
- Work toward thematic symbols application and use through Interoperability TT and external partners
- ➔ Attribute a focal point from each organisations to collect their own symbols, templates and guidelines from the Field and compile at Headquarters level (feasibility???)



Community Building

- Identify Interagency co-chair (UNJLC, UNHCR, etc)
- Email group
- Regular meeting
- Outreach/Dissemination (build better communication strategy)
- Organisation of Map Workshop

Inter-Agency Map Workshop

planned Q1 2008 | Nairobi Region | Info-graphics/Cartographic experts

- Establish Steering Group (participation, activities, support)
- Secure funds
- Workshop members to bring their symbol sets and best practices - experts to review and recommend



Consider resource needs to build tools and improved capacity

Thank you