



Status of UNSDI

“The UNSDI Vision is for a comprehensive, decentralized geospatial information framework that facilitates decision-making at various levels by enabling access, retrieval and dissemination of geospatial data in a rapid and secure way.”

Milestones

- In 2005, UNGIWG 6 in Addis Ababa decided in principle to embark on UNSDI
- In 2006, UNGIWG 7 in Santiago de Chile discussed a draft UNSDI strategy
- A UNSDI Strategy and UNSDI Compendium paper was adopted in February 2007



Outstanding Issues

- There is still need to further define:**
- the scope, the deliverables and priorities of UNSDI
 - the institutional arrangements as UNGIWG has no status that would allow transactions
 - Partnership arrangements with non-UN partners
 - how to embed UNSDI in the UN Reform process



3 Elements of a Way Forward

UNGIWG-8 would like to consult its partners on

- the first phase (2008-10) of the UNSDI Strategy, in particular its scope, deliverables and priorities
- the institutional governance, in particular partnerships with non-UN partners
- the technical governance

Basics: Deliverables

No process without substance!

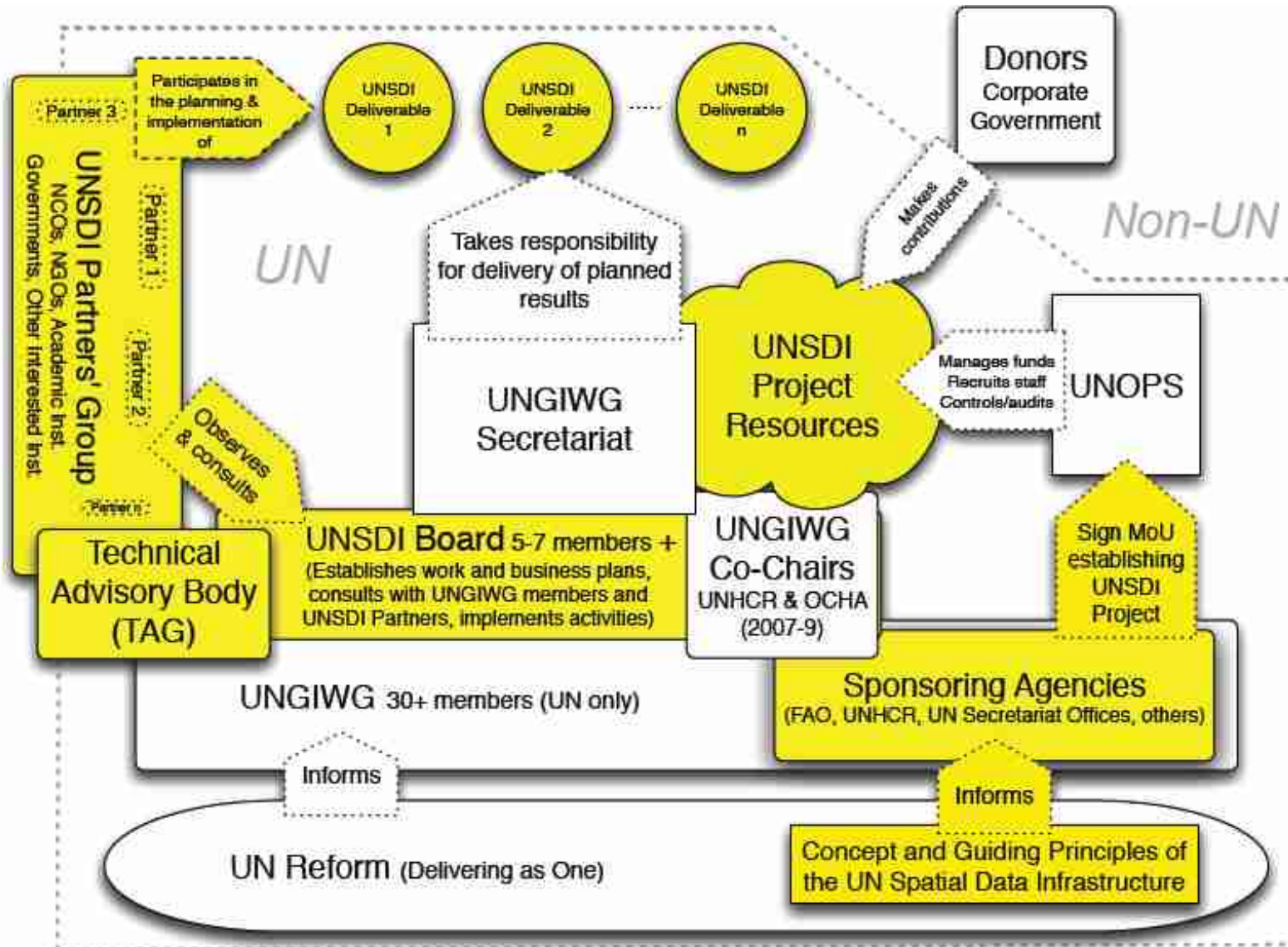
- For the UNSDI concept to convince, it needs to articulate exactly what results/ outputs it will achieve
- Different UN agencies/partners are likely to engage in different deliverables
- No deliverable without market/funding



Institutional Governance

- Project approach
- Keep UNGIWG and UNSDI separate
- Define UNSDI around deliverables
- Involve non-UN partners
- Allow multiple deliverables and execution models reflecting broad spectrum of UN interests
- Set rules for the use of UNSDI brand & logo

Institutional Arrangements





Project Execution Model

The Project approach will allow for different execution models:

- A single agency implements its UNSDI activities on its own/with its partners
- For inter/multi-agency projects:

Option 1: A UNGIWG member agency sets-up trust fund and administers project team

Option 2 : Engage Project Execution Agency



Technical Governance

- Bottom-up approach (building on best practices and developing agreements to make them work in real life)
- Setup Technical Advisory Group (TAG) in support of UNSDI Board
- Involve non-UN partners
- Govern data versioning and quality, metadata, discovery and access services, etc.



Next Steps (1st semester 2008)

- Finalize Deliverables, work plans, budgets, issue Appeal document
- Set-up UNSDI structures: institutional and technical
- Dialogue with major external stakeholders (UN reform bodies, governments, etc.)
- Mobilize resources
- Sustain UNGIWG secretariat/set-up UNSDI project team