



UNSDI GLOBAL PARTNERS MEETING
ESA-ESRIN; Frascati, Italy; 1, 2 March 2007

UNGIWG - Opening Statement

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Chronology

- UNSDI Concept 'born' at 6th UNGIWG Plenary; Addis Ababa; Oct '05
- Draft UNSDI discussion paper reviewed by 7th UNGIWG Plenary; Santiago de Chile; Nov '06
- INSPIRE-UNSDI cooperation formulation meeting; December '06
- UNSDI Strategy Implementation paper; February 2007
- Comprehensive UNSDI compendium reference document, February 2007
- UNGIWG-UNSDI Global Partners Meeting (UGPM dialogue), March '07



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Strategic UNSDI issues

- Contribution to the UN millenium development goals 2015
- fitting in the UN '**Delivering as One**' coherence strategy
- development of longterm technical and institutional partnerships
 - European commission – inspire
 - European space agency
 - Geo
 - Ogc
 - Iso
 - Ogf
 - Universities and other key partners
- Emphasis on capacity buiding in developing countries through multi- and bi-lateral aid programmes
 - Development of the UNSDI National Coordinating Office (NCO) Concept; Netherlands, Czech Republic and Hungary already active; Spain under active development
- Development of public-private funding partnerships



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Objectives UNSDI global partners meeting

- UN organizations get to know the sdi developments in member states and visa versa
- Development of a common understanding of institutional and technical issues facing both the implementation of a unsdi and sdi developments at national and regional level
- Formulation of a common way forward on technical and institutional issues in the context of the UN reform
- building the UN-Member States partnership for realizing a UNSDI for the benefit of the 'global commons'
- **And have a good time - welcome to all!!!!**