



UNGIWG-UGPM Breakout Group - INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

Session 5

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INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES AND RELATED ACTIONS

Issue	Identified Action
Funding for the creation and maintenance of UNSDI must be made available in a long term framework (beyond 3 years)	1. Political/Legal/Institutional Mandate 2. Identify Drivers and Champions at all levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global • Regional • National
Funding will be available only if policy/decision makers are interested and convinced in investing money in SDI development	3. Consider huge investments made at local level (avoid double funding) 4. Start delivering incremental products (start with practical ones focussing on governmental issues)
Voluntary contribution is not enough	5. Organisational Framework
UN is made by MS. UNSDI is not sustainable if MS will not contribute	6. Clear UNSDI Governance (including roles/contributions from MS)
Lack of coordination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between UN agencies • Between UN and MS 	7. Make profit of existing mechanisms (e.g. UN interagency meetings)
Lack of culture at various levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision Makers • Mid Managers • Desk Officers • Users 	8. Communication Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal & external • Simple message • Cost/Benefit evidence • Fitting for purpose • Addressing Priorities • Increasing efficiency and performance • Best practice & wrong examples
Need of Indicators to measure UNSDI implementation and success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need of Indicators to measure UNSDI implementation and success

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS - INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

1. Establish a good Communication Strategy:
 - a. Show how UNSDI will help in addressing quickly existing and emerging relevant issues
 - b. Show why the UNSDI is really user driven
 - c. Show how quality and efficiency will increase (focus on better services)
2. Obtain the Political/Institutional/Legal Mandate
 - a. The Declaration must include Recommendations proposed by Member States
3. Start as soon as possible with quick-win products to prove the effectiveness of the UNSDI and to gain and keep high the interest of the top Decision/Policy makers
 - a. Identify key issues
 - b. Assess feasibility
 - c. Focus the development
 - d. Deliver (perfect systems arriving late are not helpful in ensuring consensus)