

Panel Discussion on:

“The Joys and Responsibilities of Partnering and Coordination”

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Objectives:

- To deliberate on the opportunities and associated responsibilities and discipline of effective partnerships and good coordination.
- To define the challenges and requirements of a 'UNSDI Culture' in support of and for the benefit of the 'geospatial commons', including and beyond technology and databases.

Some quotes from yesterday:

- The business model of today is collaboration

Jeffrey Tschirley

- To build a UN SDI one has to go beyond technical issues

- “Delivering as One” - delivery in a single integrated manner must be the goal

- To-date much activity has almost been extra-curricula – now a critical mass is needed to move forward

David Kaatrud

Some quotes from yesterday:

- There is a need for an inclusive approach which means a focus on culture - incentives (non-monetary), as well as technical aspects will be critical to success.

Prof. Harlan Onsrud

- UNSDI = SPIRIT = FUN --- *the non-monetary incentive?!*

Jelle Hielkema

Some Questions.....

- How do we harness the benefits of partnership?
- How do we achieve Prof. Onsrud's Paradigm shift in the way we communicate?
- What are the characteristics of this new paradigm?
- In the emphasis on partnership the "obvious" route to take is to build-on what has been done by the early developers of GI technology and interoperability .. But are these advanced solutions necessarily what will be optimal for all or in the future?

And finally

- If Roger Longhorn is right and it does take 5 to 10 years to achieve interoperability do we have a good enough idea of what the geospatial technologies and needs will then be – or are we in danger of building interoperability for redundant legacy systems?