

WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: ACTIVITIES

Delegates and institutions related to the use of GNSS in agriculture and management of natural resources, at present, has weak representation within the GNSS groups established for the UN/USA workshops. The group worked throughout the Workshop, basically with four members conducting discussions related to the best way of implementing activities that would cover as many countries as possible, from the four regions related to the Workshops and focusing on awareness and information exchange. All the members agree that agriculture and management of natural resources, together, is believed to be one of the biggest clients of GNSS products and services, based on the number of potential users around the world, and on the progress demonstrated, especially in agriculture. Based on that and evolving from the recommendations made at the four regional UN/USA workshops and the experts meeting (2001-2002), a single and straightforward proposal was placed related to the establishment of a global information exchange network on GNSS applications in agriculture and management of natural resources. It has to start from UN/OOSA nominating a specific board in the applications of GNSS in agriculture and natural resources that will conduct a meeting of the board to define the conceptual framework of the network and organize four regional workshops (Malaysia, Romania, Nigeria, and Brazil) to identify institutions and people with experience and data to share and interested in contributing to the network implementation, as well as users interested in information exchange. A meeting of the board and invited experts will put into coherence all identified data as input to the global information exchange network that has to be implemented.