



**Contributions of United Nations entities  
to the agenda item on  
“International cooperation in promoting the use of space-  
derived geospatial data for sustainable development”  
at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of COPUOS**

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# COPUOS 52<sup>nd</sup> Session

- The 52nd Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) will be held in Vienna from 3-12 June 2009
- Since 2007, the Committee has considered, under a three-year workplan, an agenda item on "International cooperation in promoting the use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development"
- The work on this agenda item will be concluded in 2009
- The workplan specifically calls for participation by United Nations entities

# Workplan

- **2007:** *Presentations by member States and observers, regional and international organizations and informal coordination groups on their respective activities related to space-derived geospatial information for sustainable development. These could include the United Nations regional centres for space science and technology education, GEO, CEOS, UNESCO, FAO, among others.*
- **2008:** *Expert presentations on experiences in the establishment of appropriate national infrastructure for space-derived geospatial data collection, processing and application, including human resource training, technical infrastructure and financial requirements, and institutional arrangements.*
- **2009:** (1) **Evaluation of the activities undertaken within the United Nations system that are directly related to the use of space-derived geospatial information for sustainable development and consideration of ways to highlight the links existing among those activities and the means to give them stronger international recognition.** (2) **Drafting of a report containing recommendations on ways and means to foster international cooperation with a view to building up national infrastructure to use space-derived geospatial data.**

# Outcome of the work in 2008

- A/63/20, para. 274:
  - *The Committee took note of the UNGIWG/UNSDI activities and welcomed the continued development of UNSDI and invited UNGIWG to report to it at its session in 2009.*
- A/63/20, para. 277:
  - *The Committee should evaluate, at its 52<sup>nd</sup> session, the activities undertaken within the UN system that were directly related to the use of space-derived geospatial information for sustainable development;*
  - *consider ways and means of highlighting the links existing among those activities and of giving them stronger international recognition;*
  - *draft a report containing recommendations on ways and means of fostering international cooperation with a view to building up national infrastructure to use space-derived geospatial data.*

# Outcome of the work in 2008

- A/63/20, para. 278:
  - *The Committee requested the Secretariat (UNOOSA) “to prepare a summary of the discussions in 2007 and 2008 on this agenda item and to include information on activities undertaken within the UN system that were directly related to the use of space-derived geospatial information for sustainable development.”*
- The report mentioned under para. 277 will be based on the summary prepared by UNOOSA, as requested by COPUOS under para. 278
- The report would be an opportunity for United Nations entities and the UNGIWG to inform Member States about their activities related to the use of space-derived geospatial data

## For decision by the IAM

1. Contributions to the summary to be prepared by the Secretariat (*“information on activities undertaken within the UN system that were directly related to the use of space-derived geospatial information for sustainable development”*)
2. Any presentations United Nations entities may wish to make under that agenda item

# Thank you for your attention!



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