



Importance of Integrated Statistical Geospatial Information for Sustainable Development

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Geospatial information and products must contribute more to measure, monitor and manage sustainable development in a consistent way over time and for evidence-based decision and policy making. Therefore it is necessary to promote the importance of integrated statistical and geospatial information, to improve the availability of and access to geographic data and statistics, and to take urgent steps to improve the quality, coverage and availability of disaggregated data

Given the ongoing debate on Sustainable Development and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, it is necessary to disseminate and promote among the countries of the world the importance of measuring and monitoring determined goals and indicators of geospatial information. The presentation will provide examples of the value and availability of "evidence-based science" derived from integrated statistical-geospatial information, using remote sensing and other big data. The presentation will also illustrate how this information can be used by decision makers.

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