

## Africa Preparatory Meeting Global Geospatial Information Management concludes with the Adoption of the Addis Ababa declaration.

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Addis Ababa, 11 August 2011 (ECA) - The African preparatory meeting on the Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM) closed in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Wednesday 10 August with the adoption of the Addis Ababa declaration on geospatial information management in Africa. The three-day meeting recommended that African countries, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Union Commission, should finalise and implement the African Action Plan on Geospatial Information Management.

The meeting was attended by delegates from African countries; the African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment; AfricaScope; Centre d'Etudes, de Recherche et de Production en Information pour l'Environnement et le Développement Durable (CERPINEDD); Environmental Information Systems Africa (EL-AFRICA), International Federation of Surveyors, FIG, GEODE, Ordnance Survey, Regional Centre for Training in Aerospace Surveys (RECTAS), Regional Centre for Mapping Resources for Development (RCMRD), Southern and Eastern African Mineral Centre, (SEAMIC).

In closing the meeting, the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, [Jennifer Kargbo delivered a message](#) which was read out by the director of ECA's ICTs, Science and Technology Division, Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah in her absence.

Ms. Kargbo thanked all the experts for their active participation in the meeting and assured them that ECA would carry their recommendations to future global fora working on developing a common management system.

She commended the meeting for developing proposals for a future action plan for managing geospatial information in Africa and said: "I am convinced that you will continue working together to complete the African Action Plan, which would facilitate and promote member States geospatial information management activities. I assure you that, after its completion, the Action Plan will follow the various institutional steps and consultation processes necessary to its adoption at the highest African level."

The meeting agreed that ECA would continue to coordinate the global participation of African countries in GGIM activities through the African Regional Spatial Data Infrastructure (ARSDI).

:: [Closing Remark by Jennifer Kargbo, Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa](#)

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