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Third Meeting of the Committee  
on Development Information (CODI)

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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

## **Plenary Sessions**

### **1. Opening**

The plenary session will be opened by a remark by Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), followed by the speech on goals and objectives of CODI by the chief of the Development Information Services Division (DISD).

### **2. Election of officials and organization of work**

The outgoing Chairperson will conduct the election of officers for the new Bureau comprising of a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and two Rapporteurs. The meeting will then adopt its agenda and organization of work. Before closing, the Secretariat will address pertinent administrative matters and make announcement, if any.

### **3. Key introductory panel: “Information and Governance”**

A keynote speech on the theme will set the scene, to which panellists representing each sub-committee will make presentations, highlighting the implications in each area. This session will close after a general discussion.

### **4. Decentralization, community empowerment and the role of the Civil Society**

Four presentations on GIS, decentralization in Ethiopia, local and traditional governance and statistics in support of decentralization will be followed by questions and answers.

### **5. Facilitating transparent public financial management and accountability**

Case studies on the application of ICTs to the public administration in Senegal and Tunisia will be presented and followed by two presentations on Statistics and Governance. General discussions will follow the presentations.

### **6. Involving the private sector**

Representatives from the private sector will make presentations on concrete examples of public/private partnerships and the outcomes, followed by general discussions.

## **Sessions of the Sub-Committee on Information and Communication Technology (Including Library)**

### **7. Sub-Committee on Information and Communication Technologies and Library**

The meetings of the Sub-Committee on Information and Communication Technologies and Library will be organised for reporting on progress made regarding CODI recommendations, ATAC, AVLIN and ASN, substantial presentations and discussions on ICTs and governance during GKP Africa Day and special events.

## **7.1 Opening**

The current Chairperson will call the meeting to order. Then the chief of DISD will make an opening statement to be followed by that of the Chairperson.

## **7.2 Election of officers and adoption of programme of work**

The outgoing Chairperson will conduct the election of officers for the new Bureau comprising of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur. The meeting will then adopt its agenda and organization of work. Before closing, the Secretariat will address pertinent administrative matters and make announcement, if any.

## **7.3 Report of activities**

A series of presentations will be made regarding progress made in various areas since the last CODI meeting. The session will close after a Q&A session.

### ***7.3.1 Report on recommendations from CODI II***

This report reviews the recommendations made during the CODI II meeting in 2001. The progress made and remaining tasks will be highlighted.

### ***7.3.2 Report of the African Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC) on the Implementation of the AISI***

This session will review the work programme of and report achievements made by ATAC within the framework of AISI.

### ***7.3.3 Progress report on African Virtual Library and Information Network (AVLIN)***

The Sub-Committee will receive the report on the progress so far made on the implementation of AVLIN, including documents related to the formation of the AVLIN Advisory Committee. The report will also include proposed strategies and programme of work. The Sub-Committee will hopefully endorse it, thereby marking the commencement of formal network activities.

### ***7.3.4 Report of African Stakeholders' Network (ASN) meeting***

A presentation will be made on ASN and the steering committee meeting and the programme of work.

## **7.4 ICTs in support of governance: opportunities and challenges**

A presentation will be made on challenges and issues arising from keynote speech and panel discussion, "Information and Governance", and emphasizes the implications on ICT development in Africa, followed by questions and answers.

## **7.5 GKP Africa Day**

In collaboration with the Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP) Secretariat, GKP Africa Day will present various ICT initiatives and activities in the area of governance in and

relevant to Africa. Before closing each session will have general discussions on the presentations.

### ***7.5.1 Opening***

The session will be opened by the chief of DISD, and representative from GKP.

### ***7.5.2 ICT and Governance***

#### ***7.5.2.1 Country experiences***

Three countries, The Gambia, Malawi, Namibia and Nigeria, will make brief presentations and share their experiences in the application of ICTs in governance.

#### ***7.5.2.2 Presentation on AISI electronic discussions on e-governance***

A summary of the online discussions on e-governance, organised from October to November 2002 will be presented.

#### ***7.5.2.3 GKP lessons learnt from Asia***

With a view to understanding the theme in a wider context, GKP Secretariat will make a presentation on lessons learned and best practices based on Asian experiences which are relevant to the African context.

#### ***7.5.2.4 Exchange of experiences***

Following the above sessions, the floor will be open to the participants to share their view and experiences in ICTs and governance.

#### ***7.5.2.5 Strategies for promoting e-governance: an African action plan***

The aim of this session is to draft an African e-governance action plan for submission to the third meeting of the WSIS PrepCom-3 (Geneva from 15 to 26 September 2003). A draft action plan that is compiled from the various African submissions to the WSIS will be tabled for discussion.

### ***7.5.3 Progress in ICT policies***

This session specifically focuses on progress made in the development and implementation of the National Information and Communication Infrastructure (NICI) plans in member states, followed by presentations on selected NICI countries, outcomes of the study on telecommunications regulations in Africa and general discussions.

#### ***7.5.3.1 ECA's progress report on NICI implementation***

A presentation on the report, *E-strategies in Africa*, will highlight national, sectoral and regional developments in the implementation of e-strategies in Africa within the wider context of global trends in the ICTs for development.

#### *7.5.3.2 Presentation on selected NICI countries*

There will be presentations from Ghana, Namibia, Niger and Burundi

#### *7.5.3.3 Presentation on the outcome of the study on telecommunication policy and regulation in Africa*

This presentation will focus on the regional aspect of ICT policies and the need for harmonisation and collaboration.

### **7.5.4 Information and Knowledge Developments**

This session reviews the activities and achievements made since the last CODI in the area of African content development as well as the proposed work programme for the next biennium.

#### *7.5.4.1 National SCAN-ICT baseline studies*

Reports on indicators of ICTs and the impact at the country level will demonstrate the results of the SCAN-ICT pilot project initiated in Ethiopia, Ghana, Mozambique, Morocco, Senegal and Uganda.

#### *7.5.4.2 E-Pol-Net*

A presentation on this initiative will draw attention to the background, partnership with Canada, linkage with NICI processes and impacts on African countries.

#### *7.5.4.3 Report on the value of library services in development*

This paper will present an analysis of the role and value of library and knowledge resources and resources to human and economic development, and establish policy implications for African development.

#### *7.5.4.4 The Information and Technology Centre for Africa (ITCA)*

ITCA's presentation will include the CISCO Networking Academy for African Women, ICT training conducted to policy and decision makers and content creation.

#### *7.5.4.5 Report on ECA activities in ICT and library during 2002-2003 and work programme for the biennium 2004-2005*

In this session, a presentation on ECA's activities and work programme for the next biennium will be shared and discussed.

### **7.5.5 Closing**

## **7.6 Any other business**

## **7.7 Adoption of the report and closing**

The Sub-Committee will adopt its report which will be submitted to the Plenary session of CODI.

The Chairperson will then make some observations on the meeting and its achievements and then call on the chief of DISD, to make closing remarks. The Chairperson will close meeting.

## **Sessions of the Sub-Committee on statistics**

## **8. Sub-Committee on Statistics**

### **8.1 Opening**

The current Chairperson will call the meeting to order. Then the Director of ESPD will make an opening statement to be followed by that of the Chairperson.

### **8.2 Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

The outgoing Chairperson will conduct the election of officers for the new Bureau comprising a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Rapporteur. The meeting will then adopt its agenda and programme of work.

The Secretariat will address pertinent administrative matters and make announcements, if any.

### **8.3 Statistics and Governance**

Discussion will focus on challenges and issues arising from the keynote address and the panel discussion in the plenary.

### **8.4 Country reports**

The Sub-Committee will take note of achievements and activities carried out in Africa in the area of statistics since the second meeting of CODI (CODI 2). Copies of the country reports will be made available as room documents for information. An overview of the issues raised in the reports will be presented to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

### **8.5 Follow-up of the conclusions and recommendations of the second meeting of the Sub-Committee of CODI on statistics**

The Sub-Committee will consider the implementation of the recommendations of its second session. The report of the Secretariat will highlight achievements and constraints of implementation.

A summary of the reports from the countries on their statistical activities, achievements and major programmes will be presented to the Sub-Committee.

Invited participants from international, sub-regional and regional organizations may report on their activities, achievements and current programmes relevant for Africa.

## **8.6 The 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA 93) in Africa**

This agenda item will deal with the implementation of the SNA 93 in Africa based on some country good practices and the links of SNA 93 with the International Comparison Programme (ICP). Sub-regional Organizations may present their achievements in terms of harmonization.

## **8.7 Policy Issues**

Under this agenda item, the Sub-Committee will examine reports and invited papers addressing policy and strategic issues related to the development and utilization of statistics for decision-making. The focus will be on the following two sub-items.

### ***8.7.1 The establishment of the Advisory Board on Statistics in Africa (ABSA)***

This agenda item arises from one of the major recommendations of CODI 2. The Secretariat will submit a report to the Sub-Committee, the members of the Board will be hired and a secretariat of ABSA established.

The official launching of ABSA will take place on 16 May 2003.

### ***8.7.2 Report of the Working Group on “Statistics and Governance”***

The Secretariat will submit to the Sub-Committee the report of the Working Group on “Statistics and Governance” held on 11 May 2003.

## **8.8 ECA initiatives on development indicators**

### ***8.8.1 Economic and Social Policy Division (ESPD)***

### ***8.8.2 African Centre for Gender and Development (ACGD)***

### ***8.8.3 Development Management Division (DMD)***

## **8.9 Regional and sub-regional initiatives for statistical development in Africa**

Major partners will present reports aimed at promoting statistical development in the African region.

### ***8.9.1 IMF (GDDS)***

### ***8.9.2 AFRISTAT (PROSMIC)***

### ***8.9.3 UNSD***

### ***8.9.4 ILO***

### ***8.9.5 THE WORLD BANK***

### ***8.9.6 DFID***

### ***8.9.7 PARIS 21***

### ***8.9.8 THE US BUREAU OF CENSUS***

#### **8.10 Report on ECA statistical activities during 2002-2003 and the programme of work for the biennium 2004-2005**

The Secretariat will submit a report in two parts: (i) a report on ECA activities for 2002-2003 and the programme of work for the biennium 2004-2005; and,

#### **8.11 Any other business**

#### **8.12 Adoption of report**

### **Sessions of the Sub-Committee on Geoinformation**

#### **9. Sub-committee on Geo-information**

The meeting of the Sub-committee will be organized in plenary sessions, poster sessions, workshops and a technical exhibition. In order to allow enough time for the presentation and discussion of the papers, the secretariat will make a selection of those that will be presented at the plenaries. The remaining papers will be either presented at the poster sessions or will only be distributed for information to the participants. One symposium on SDI, three technical workshops and a national stakeholders forum will be organized as special events of the Sub-committee.

##### **9.1 Opening**

The meeting will be open by the outgoing Chairman, the representative of Botswana, who presided over the second meeting of the Sub-committee.

##### **9.2 Introduction, organization of work and election of officers**

The secretariat will make a brief presentation on CODI-and CODI-Geo, its terms of reference and the way the work of the sub-Committee has been organized, including both technical and logistic matters. The meeting will then elect the Chairperson, first and second Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, who will hold office for the duration of the meeting. The agenda and programme of work will be adopted.

##### **9.3 Geographic Information and Governance**

Discussions will focus on issues and challenges arising from the keynote speech and the panel discussion in plenary (agenda item No.3).

##### **9.4 Progress reports**

The secretariat will report on achievements and current activities carried out in Africa in the field of Geoinformation since the second meeting of CODI. Particular attention will be given to follow up of implementation of recommendations made at CODI.2 The ECA report will contain two parts: Report on ECA activities –including future programme of work for 2004-2005, and a synthesis of countries' activities based on the reports submitted to ECA. Delegates will then highlight major achievements and programmes. Discussions of the country reports will take place at the end the session. Full country reports will only be distributed for information to participants.



Invited international, regional and sub-regional organizations may report on achievements and current programmes relevant to the African region.

## **9.5 Policy issues**

Under this agenda item, reports and invited papers addressing policy and strategic matters influencing the development and utilization of Geoinformation (GI) in decision-making, will be presented. In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

### ***9.5.1 Establishment of a Permanent Committee on SDI for Africa (PCSDIAf)***

One of the major recommendations of CODI.2 and CODI.1. Participants will receive the report of the symposium on PC-SDI Africa (pre-meeting event), and will hopefully endorse it, whereby the Committee is finally established: a charter is adopted, a steering body is elected, a secretariat is in place, and working groups are defined

### ***9.5.2 The African Reference Framework (AFREF)***

Another major recommendation of CODI.2, CODI.1 and of previous Regional Cartographic Conferences for Africa. Participants will receive the Windhoek declaration on AFREF.

## **9.6 Technical issues**

This agenda item will include reports and invited papers on technical matters of Geoinformation collection, management and utilization. In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

### ***9.6.1 The SDI African handbook***

The participants will receive the draft the Africa-SDI handbook, as reviewed by a group of experts that met in February in Addis.

### ***9.6.2 AFREF implementation***

Based on AFREF reports presented at previous sessions, and other invited papers.

## **9.7 New trends and developments:**

Reports and invited papers will address recent innovations in GI technologies, tools and methodologies. The following issues will be considered:

### ***9.7.1 Internet mapping***

### ***9.7.2 High-resolution imagery***

### ***9.7.3 New ways of data collection with GIS***

## **9.8 Any other business**

## **9.9 Adoption of the report and closing**

**10. Reports of the Sub-Committees**

The Plenary session will adopt the Sub-committee report.

**11. Date and venue of next meeting**

**12. Any other business**

**13. Adoption of the report and closing session**

The Chairperson will then make some observations on the meeting and its achievements and then call on the chief of DISD, to make closing remarks. The Chairperson will close meeting.

## **Special Events**

**SE01 Symposium of establishing Permanent Committee on Spatial Data Infrastructures for Africa**

*Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 May.* This pre-meeting event has been planned as a major activity towards the implementation of resolution 1 of CODI.2-Geo. The objective of the seminar is to bring together a cross-section of decision makers from geographic information institutions in African to agree on a basic set of concepts, practices, standards and guidelines for establishing spatial data infrastructures that are compatible at national, regional and global levels and to discuss, adopt and sign the charter of a regional body to coordinate these activities. Participants are expected to be as key technical personnel and decision-makers in the management of spatial data, with a strategic role to play in promoting, adopting, developing or implementing spatial information infrastructure in his or her home country.

**SE02 Workshop on open source software for improved administration in Africa**

*Saturday May 10 and Sunday May 11.* Supported by the Francophony International Agency (AIF), this workshop provides a training course on “Securing open source web-based information resource applications” and a presentation of the “Open Source Foundation for Africa”.

**SE03 AVLIN Advisory Committee**

*Saturday May 10.* This will be the inaugural meeting of AVLIN Advisory Committee. The progress report of AVLIN as well as the plan of work of both the Committee and AVLIN will be presented and discussed. The committee will also receive the report of the pre-CODI workshop on digital libraries and Electronic Information Networks.

**SE04 African Stakeholders’ Network (ASN) meeting**

*Saturday May 10 and Sunday May11.* This inaugural meeting of ASN, opened by Executive Secretary of ECA, will review the work programme of UN ICT Task Force and the mandate and ToR of the ASN steering committee, followed by discussions on its linkage with AISI, NEPAD and WSIS.

## **SE06 Working Group on Statistics and Governance**

### **SE05 Workshops on technical aspects of building digital libraries and electronic information**

*Saturday May 10 and Sunday May 11.* The main objective of the workshop is to provide prospective participating institutions of AVLIN with a clear understanding of the technical issues related to the development of digital libraries and associated virtual library and knowledge services, and to contribute to African institutional capacity building in the new development information area.

### **SE07 AISI Media Awards and Launch of the African Regional Node of the e-Pol-Net**

*Tuesday May 13.* The objective of the AISI Media Awards programme is to encourage more informed coverage of the information society and ICT for development issues in Africa as part of its AISI Outreach and Communication Programme. The awards will be presented to the winners during the event. The overall programme is sponsored by Open Society Institute for Southern Africa (OSISA) and ECA with special sponsored categories by International Development Research Center (IDRC), International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD), and Open Society Initiative for Western Africa (OSIWA).

### **SE08 Seminar Series for Ethiopian Parliamentarians**

*Wednesday 14 May.* This is part of the ICT and policy awareness seminar series for Ethiopian parliamentarians launched on 27 March 2003. Currently 40 Members of Parliament of the House of Peoples Representatives are participating in the seminars. Honourable Johnson Nkuhe from Uganda will address the Ethiopian Parliamentarians on the role of ICTs in the Ugandan Parliament and share information and experiences.

### **SE09 General Assembly of the African Association of Linux Users Group**

*Wednesday May 14.* There will be presentations on the Free Software and Open Source Foundation for Africa (FOSSFA), IDAMS and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

### **SE10 Presentation of the African version of the CHILD INFO UNICEF software**

*Thursday May 15.*

### **SE11 Workshop on spatial data content standards**

*Thursday 15 May.* Participants are expected to gain a better understanding of the need to adhere to common standards, a good appraisal of existing ISO sets of standards and how to implement them.

### **SE12 Addis Ababa University Library Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information**

*Thursday May 15.* The Addis Ababa University Library will lead a presentation on the Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information in Africa (PERI).

### **SE13 Workshop on corporate Geoinformation coordination**

*Friday 16 May.* Lessons acquired on how to coordinate and analyze geographic information within the different organizations

### **SE14 Ethiopian National Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) Stakeholders' workshop**

Friday May 16. Major national GI stakeholders will meet to discuss and agree on further steps to implement a national SDI.

### **SE15 Second Media Forum: Media and capacity building in the information society**

*Friday May 16.* Supported by the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC). The Forum brings together African Media practitioners and aims at raising their awareness on ICT for development activities. The forum is also expected to strategize on the role of the Media in promoting information society in Africa.

### **SE16 Inaugural Meeting of the Advisory Board on Statistics for Africa**

### **SE17 Workshop on institutional and technical issues for GIS managers with a vision on SDIs**

*Friday 16 May.* Understanding of the institutional and technical issues that GI managers should know with a vision to build national SDIs

## **Exhibitions**

### **EX1 GKP Market Place**

*Thursday May 15.* Coordinated by the Information Technology Centre for Africa (ITCA) at the UN Conference Centre, this event will offer a platform to exchange information on ongoing and planned projects and programmes and to forge partnerships. In addition to exhibition booths, brief presentations on participating agencies and their projects will be organised.

### **EX2 Country reports**

*Thursday May 15.* The development and implementation of national ICT plans and strategies, as well as other significant progress will be presented upon request.

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