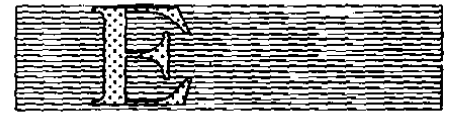


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## CODI-GEO WORKING GROUP ON CAPACITY BUILDING (draft membership and tor)

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### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. Encourage basic training, including e-Learning, on SDI and its components – metadata development, data exchange protocols and transfer formats, development of clearinghouse, etc - at regional and national levels
  2. Identify existing human and institutional capacities in GI in African countries
  3. Promote the strengthening of institutional capacity in GI
  4. Identify and promote means of retaining skilled manpower.
  5. Promote research into resources and development opportunities being lost, due to absence of GI and SDI and disseminate findings on them
  6. Promote research on success stories with respect to implementation of SDI
  7. Promote awareness on importance of GI to development
  8. Encourage development/review/standardisation of Geoinformatics curricula in our higher institutions of Learning.
  9. Sensitise policy/decision makers & end-users on importance of SDI
  10. Promote continuing professional development programme on SDI concepts & Geo-information Science by relevant professional bodies
  11. Promote mutual respect and trust among SDI stakeholders
  12. Promote general awareness on SDI using various media: print & electronic media, newsletter publication, synergy with NICI, etc.
  13. Define & evaluate the key issues surrounding the use/lack of use of GI.
  14. Identify & promote existing applications of SDI compliant information
  15. Identify parallel initiatives to SDI & integrate with them where beneficial
  16. Market & promote use of GI
  17. Identify what advisory services are required
  18. Promote international cooperation in the area of GI/SDI capacity building.
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## **WORKING GROUP ON FUNDAMENTAL DATASETS**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. To promote the Mapping Africa for Africa initiative, in particular the Durban Statement on Mapping Africa for Africa;
2. To work cooperatively with international bodies with similar objectives, such as the International Cartographic Association (WG on Mapping Africa for Africa), Global Land Cover Network (FAO), UN Geographic Information Working Group and International Steering Committee for Global Map;
3. To work cooperatively with the Working Group on AFREF and the Working Group on Standards;
4. To determine which spatial data are classified as the fundamental datasets for national, sub-regional, regional and global needs for spatial information, in terms of Mapping Africa for Africa;
5. To conduct an audit of available fundamental datasets across and in all African countries, together with the metadata;
6. To ensure that all available fundamental datasets are recorded in a register or network of registers (clearinghouse)
7. To develop a data model for the fundamental datasets;
8. To develop a plan, in conjunction with the national mapping organisations, for the acquisition, maintenance of and access to the fundamental datasets, taking into account institutional reforms for national mapping organisations;
9. To monitor the implementation of the plan.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

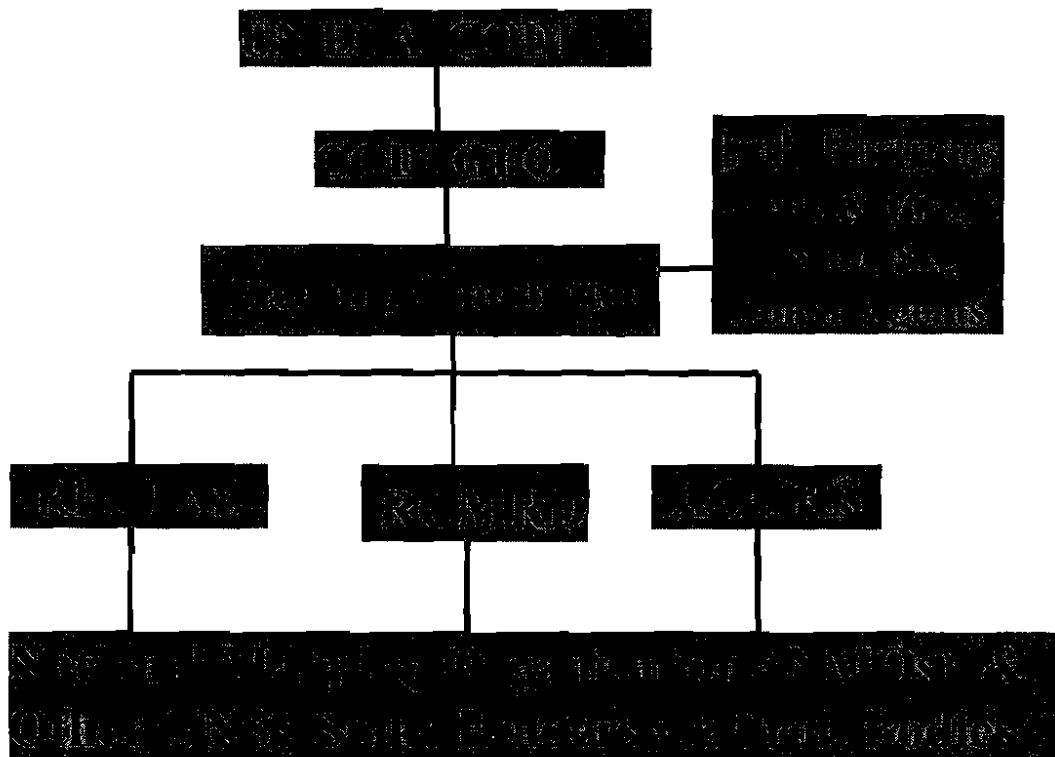
1. South Africa (Chief Directorate of Surveys and Mapping) - convener
2. African Organisation for Cartography and Remote Sensing (AOCRS)
3. Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)
4. International Cartographic Association (WG on Mapping Africa for Africa)
5. Ghana (Directorate of Surveys)
6. UN Economic Commission for Africa DISD : Geoinformation

## CODI-GEO WORKING GROUP ON AFREF (draft membership and tor)

The following is the proposed composition of the executive continental committee.

1. RCMRD, the Director General, Co chair
2. AOCRS, the Secretary General, Co chair
3. RECTAS, the Director General
4. Chair IAG SC 1.3d (AFREF), Mr. R. Wonnacott
5. Tunisia, for NAFREF, head of NMO
6. Tanzania, for EAFREF, Head of NMO
7. Nigeria, for WAFREF, head of NMO
8. Namibia, for SAFREF, head of NMO
9. Congo Brazzaville, for CAFREF, head of NMO

### Proposed structure



### **Proposed TORs**

The terms of reference for the Steering Committee and the regional centres ie OACTS, RCMRD and RECTAS with respect to AFREF were debated at the workshop on 17 October 2004 and are as follows (not necessarily in order of priority):

#### **TOR for Steering Committee:**

1. Co-ordinate the implementation of the AFREF project at the continental level;
2. Set guidelines and standards to be used for the AFREF project;
3. Provide justification, communication and publicity for the project to political groupings, stake holder international organisations and other users. Political groupings will include NEPAD while ICAO is an example of a stake holder international organisation;
4. Secure funding and other resources such as equipment to ensure the success of the project;
5. Liaison with international organisations to provide guidance, expertise and training and;
6. Co-ordinate training, workshops and seminars and;
7. Report to CODI and funding agencies with respect to progress and future actions.

#### **TOR for Regional Centres**

- Provide justification, communication and publicity for the project to political groupings, stake holder organisations and other users at regional level;
- Coordinates the implementation at regional level;
- Assist member states to secure funds;
- Carry out trainings specific to AFREF requirements;
- Liaise with international bodies;
- Assist member states in selection and installation of CORS;
- Coordinate data processing, storage and dissemination;
- Act as regional data holding centres and;

Make progress reports to steering committee for every six mo

## **Working Group on Standards**

This page is intended to capture and reflect the progress of the Working Group on Standards (WGS)

### **Progress on WGS' ToR development and membership definition**

Consultations are underway within EIS-AFRICA to generate interest in WGS membership. Drafting of ToR is in progress.