



## Summary of breakout session at Annual Meeting 2008 in Verona, Italy

### First breakout session, 11 Sep. 2008

#### Attendance

- Francis Gäbele (Belgium, [francis.gabele@minfin.fed.be](mailto:francis.gabele@minfin.fed.be))
- Jiri Rydval (Czech Rep., [rydval.jiri@centrum.cz](mailto:rydval.jiri@centrum.cz))
- Kofi Blankson (Ghana, [ablankson@ghanalap.gov.gh](mailto:ablankson@ghanalap.gov.gh))
- Gyula Iván (Hungary, [ivan.gyula@fomi.hu](mailto:ivan.gyula@fomi.hu))
- Nick Land (UK, [nland@esri.com](mailto:nland@esri.com))
- Aleš Šuntar (Slovenia, [ales.suntar@igea.si](mailto:ales.suntar@igea.si))
- Daniel Steudler (Switzerland, [daniel.steudler@swisstopo.ch](mailto:daniel.steudler@swisstopo.ch)) (Chair)

Daniel: Opens the discussion by giving a brief overview of the events since the last annual meeting (EGM in Rome and Workshop in Dunedin, reports see on Working Group website). Daniel asks for input, ideas, remarks, proposals for the FLOSS project lead by FAO.

Gyula: With the experience from the Humboldt project, Gyula thinks that it is crucial that a platform is established or at least designed from very early on. Only in that way, the information can start to flow and exchange can happen.

Kofi: Ghana is very much interested in the topic and is seriously thinking to change into Open Source.

Gyula: Thinks that Open Source has potential, but that we also need to be aware of some limitations.

Aleš: There is a need for tailoring for national applications.

Nick: There is a different business model behind OS developments, which should be considered as well. Open source doesn't mean free of cost.

Gyula: As the overall title of the working group is "Application of Innovative Technology", there might be other topics to consider, for example a topic that Chrit Lemmen mentioned last year: → Pictometry, which can open new possibilities for data acquisition.

András: The working group is based on people and there are limited resources.

Daniel: Tries not to take too many issues on board and to focus on just a few topics; the aim is to have a tangible result at the end of the 4-year period.

Daniel: Proposes a publication as a tangible result of the working group. This publication would be planned for the FIG congress in Sydney 2010; the publication can support the FAO - FLOSS Cadastre project by providing information for countries looking into the open source possibilities. Daniel will prepare a first draft of the table of content of this planned publication for the second breakout session.

## Second breakout session, 13 Sep. 2008

### Attendance

- Kofi Blankson (Ghana, [ablankson@ghanalap.gov.gh](mailto:ablankson@ghanalap.gov.gh))
- Gerda Schennach (Austria, [gerda.schennach@bev.gv.at](mailto:gerda.schennach@bev.gv.at))
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- Nick Land (UK, [nland@esri.com](mailto:nland@esri.com))
- Daniel Steudler (Switzerland, [daniel.steudler@swisstopo.ch](mailto:daniel.steudler@swisstopo.ch)) (Chair)

Daniel: presents a first draft of the table of content for the planned publication (with possible contributors):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction, background about project (Daniel, Mika)</li><li>• Overview of existing tools and possibilities, based on scoping paper (Gertrude Pieper)</li><li>• Experiences and lessons learnt from existing OS platforms (Geonetworks at FAO)</li><li>• OSCAR modules developed by University of Otago (Univ. of Otago, Brent Hall)</li><li>• Country case studies / Country experiences: BiH, Fiji, Bayern, Solothurn, Ghana</li><li>• View from a business model perspective</li><li>• Conclusions (Daniel, Mika)</li></ul> |
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Nick: we should make it very clear what we mean by Open Source. This should be clearly stated, maybe in the introduction, it should be very clear that free doesn't mean free of cost. There should not be any conflict of interest and therefore a chapter about the business model perspective should not be done by ESRI for example, rather by an independent consultant.

The scope of the publication has to be made clear.

Daniel: The purpose of the planned publication is to provide information for countries and institutions that are interested in open source. It should give insights on a level that is not too detailed (would be outdated very quickly), and provide support for making decisions.

The planned time schedule:

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| • Apr./May 2009:  | Contact the authors         | → Daniel              |
| • Sep. 2009:      | Submission of contributions | → authors             |
| • Oct.-Dec. 2009: | Editing                     | → Daniel, ...         |
| • Jan.-Feb. 2010: | Design                      | → by designer         |
| • Mar. 2010:      | Printing                    | → by printing company |
| • Apr. 2010:      | Publication                 | → at FIG congress     |

A more detailed table of content will be circulated among the working group members.

The aim is to have a first draft of the publication ready for the annual meeting 2009.

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