Land Administration and Spatial Data Infrastructure: the Special Forum on Development of Land Information Policies in the Americas - Aguascalientes, Mexico

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Background

- 7th UNRCC-A - January 2001 resolution
- UN, FIG & PC IDEA
- Special Forum – hosted by Mexico
- FIG Role
- Funding - Natural Resources Canada
  - USAID & USGS/FGDC
  - World Bank / Danish Trust Fund
  - PAIGH

Special Forum - Aguascalientes

- Hosted by INEGI in Aguascalientes
- Planning
- Program - Focus on Land Management
  - Presentations
  - Discussion
- Report
  - Tabled here at 8th UNRCC-A

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The Aguascalientes Statement

Foster modern land policies and associated SDI’s
- to better support social, economic and environmental sustainability

Determine policies and programs for educational and institutional capacity building
- to ensure the development of appropriate land administration systems and associated spatial data infrastructures

Develop appropriate institutional, legal and technical processes
- to integrate land administration, cadastral and land registration functions with topographic mapping programs within the context of a wider national strategy for SDI

Focus on Land Management

The Challenges

- Educational
- Professional
- Institutional
- Capacity Building
The Challenges

- Educational
  - Lack of experts to support land administration infrastructures
  - Need to develop programs with a broader profile
  - Need to include educational component in donor projects

- Professional
  - Need to establish/improve professional associations
    - set professional standards
    - improve business practices
    - develop and approve ethics and codes of conduct
    - enforce professional development
    - interact with state and national government
    - interact with sister associations at regional and international level (FIG)

- Institutional
  - Establish institutional arrangements to better support implementation of land policies
  - Diverse approaches throughout the region - one model will not fit all countries
  - Need to define standards and adopt land information policies that reflect government priorities

- Capacity Building
  - Sustain existing educational facilities in terms of institutional development, quality management, and financial support
  - Develop regional centers to conduct and facilitate knowledge management in land administration
  - Ensure that the capacity building component is addressed up front in donor projects – not as an add on.

Conclusions & Key Findings

- Develop a wider vision
- Formulate national policies
- Demonstrate economic value of LAS & SDI
- Encourage visionary leadership
- Focus on user needs
- Facilitate capacity development of human resources
- Integrate land administration, cadastre and land registration functions with topo mapping and SDI

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