# Major Opportunities in Spatial Data Infrastructure Communities

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## GSDI

### Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Mission

- Serve as a point of contact and effective voice for those in the global community involved in developing, implementing and advancing spatial data infrastructure concepts,
- Foster spatial data infrastructures that support sustainable social, economic, and environmental systems integrated from local to global scales, and
- Promote the informed and responsible use of geographic information and spatial technologies for the benefit of society.



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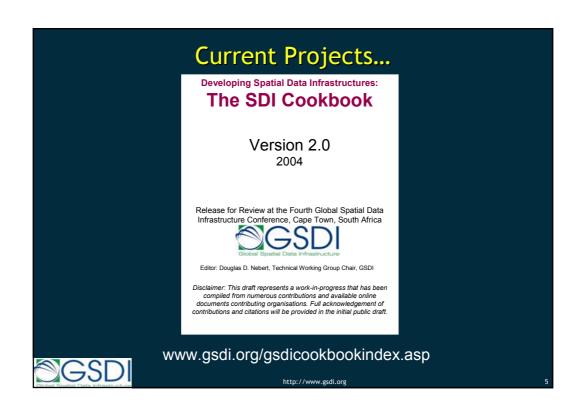


# Capacity Building

- Newslist (news@gsdi.org 1600 subscribers)
- Monthly Regional Newsletters Africa, Latin America, Asia/Pacific (electronic)
- Working Groups Technical, Legal & Economic, Standing Committees, etc.
- Email Discussion Forums
- Small Grants Program
- Annual Meeting plus Training Workshops
- Affiliated Projects: ESRI Global Map Grants, Intergraph Open Interoperability Grant Program



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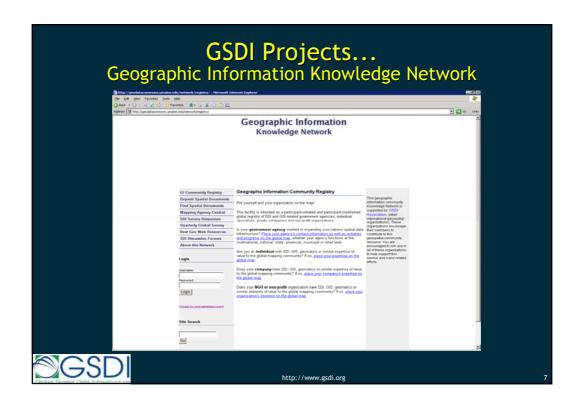
# **Current Projects...**

### Cookbook - announcing version 2.0:

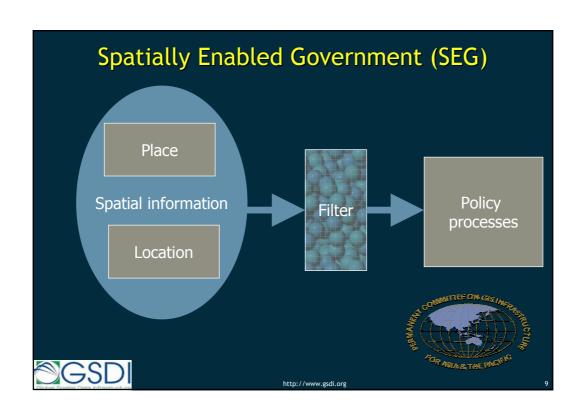
- Doug Nebert; Editor in Chief
- It contains contributions from many nations
- FGDC/GSDI will maintain it and make it available on the GSDI website
- It is a living document
- Previous editions have translations available in Spanish, Chinese, Polish



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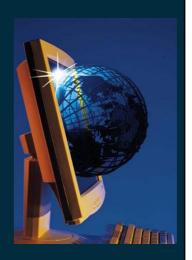
## **Past Activities**

#### Mid 1990's

- 1st GSDI Conference in 1996
- Global platform introduction SDI's

#### End 1990's

- Institutional issues on SDI's Mid 2000
- Implementation SDI's in governmental processes





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## Successes around the world

- Europe and INSPIRE
- USA
- Asia Pacific
- India
- Latin America
- Canada
- Global organisations
- Public Private Partnerships



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## Success to SDIs

Main organizational conditions for successful interoperability

- Leadership and legal framework
- Vision for coordination and cooperation
- Clear communication strategy
- Ability to create initiatives of local communities
- Interaction within policy framework



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