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DISD's PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK, 2006-2007

Subprogramme 4: Harnessing Information for Development

The activities under this subprogramme, which have been formulated by drawing upon the subprogramme 4 of programme 14 of the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007, are under the responsibility the Development Information Services Division (DISD). The Division will implement this subprogramme in partnership with other UN agencies, international agencies, the African Union/NEPAD, Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and other stakeholders.

Objective

To further strengthen an African information society that better addresses the continent's development challenges

EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT	INDICATORS OF ACHIEVEMENT
Improved capacity of African countries to formulate, implement, coordinate and evaluate policies and strategies for information for development, with consideration given to gender equality.	<p>i) Increase in the number of countries that made progress in information policy formulation by developing national information and communication infrastructure (NICI) and spatial data infrastructure (SDI) policies and plans</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Baseline 2002-2003: 10 countries</i> <i>Baseline 2004-2005: 18 countries</i> Target 2006-2007: 26 countries</p>
	<p>ii) Increase in the number of regional agreements and activities to support NEPAD and the RECs on information for development programming as reflected in the work programme and policy documents of RECs, NEPAD and other regional stakeholders</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Baseline 2002-2003: 2</i> <i>Baseline 2004-2005: 6</i> Target 2006-2007: 9</p>
Improved availability and use of information for development at the national, regional and sub-regional levels	<p>i) Increase in the number of pilot programmes, including incorporating gender dimension at the national, regional and sub-regional levels.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Baseline 2002-2003: 4</i> <i>Baseline 2004-2005: 17</i> Target 2006-2007: 24</p>

External Factors

The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that a) government development policies continue to include ICT as a priority and that b) partners continue their support.

Outputs

A. Servicing of Intergovernmental and Expert bodies

1. Substantive servicing of meetings

Fifth Session of the Committee on Development Information (CODI V) (one in 2007)*

2. ***Parliamentary documentation***
 - i. Status of development information (one in 2007)*
 - ii. Follow-up on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (one in 2006)
3. ***Ad hoc expert group meetings on:***
African Technical Advisory Committee meeting (2006 and 2007)

B. Other Substantive Activities

1. ***Recurrent Publications***
Report on ICT trends in national policy implementation (one in 2007)*
2. ***Non-recurrent publications***
 - i. Report on role of development information in the economy (one in 2006)*
 - ii. Land management information systems in the knowledge economy (one in 2006)
 - iii. African Information Society Initiative (AISII): 10 years after (2006)
 - iv. National Information and Communication Infrastructure (NICI) good practices and lessons learned (2006)
 - v. Geo-information in socio-economic development (2007)
3. ***Electronic and audio video issuances***
Information for development video programme, web resources and newsletters, Internet, databases and discussion lists
4. ***Exhibit, tours and lectures***
Exhibitions for policy-makers, during major meetings, on the use of information sources and services, (one in 2006 and one in 2007)
5. ***Booklets, Pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits***
 - i. Resource kit on virtual libraries for African Information Society (one in 2007)
 - ii. Information kit on African Development Topics (one in 2006)
6. ***Technical materials***
 - i. Maintenance of a clearinghouse gateway at ECA for member States search and discover available data and information products (in 2006 and in 2007)
 - ii. WSIS implementation guidebook (in 2007)

C. Technical Cooperation

1. ***Advisory services***
Four advisory missions, upon request, to member States, IGOs and RECs on ICT policies and plans and on geographical information system technologies and management
2. ***Group training***

- i. Subregional seminar on information management and services with special attention to Geo-spatial products (in 2006)*
- ii. Regional workshop on information and knowledge management for development (in 2007)
- iii. Regional workshop on spatial data standards, clearing house and metadata (in 2007)*

3. *Fellowships and grants*

Three fellowships for research on selected aspects of GI management, digital and virtual library networking and global ICT policy-making issues and Africa's role

4. *Field Projects*

- i. The African Virtual Library and Information Network (AVLIN)
- ii. The Information Technology Centre for Africa (ITCA)
- iii. Promoting the information society in Africa with focus on new trends (MDGs and Indicators)