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SUB-COMMITTEE ON GEOINFORMATION

DRAFT PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA
“Using Geinformation in Knowledge-based Societies”

9. Sub-committee on Geo-information

The meeting of the sub-committee will be organized in plenary sessions, poster sessions, workshops and a technical exhibition. In order to allow enough time for the presentation and discussion of the papers, the secretariat will make a selection of those that will be presented at the plenaries. The remaining papers will be either presented at the poster sessions or will only be distributed for information to the participants. Two technical working groups, one on the African Reference System (AFREF) and one on Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDIs), will be organized as special sessions of the Sub-committee.

9.1. Opening

The meeting will be open by the outgoing Chairman, the representative of Côte d’Ivoire, who presided over the first meeting of the Sub-committee.

9.2. Introduction, organization of work and election of officers

The secretariat will make a brief presentation on CODI-and CODI-Geo, its terms of reference and the way the work of the sub-Committee has been organized, including both technical and logistic matters. The meeting will then elect the Chairperson, first and second Chairpersons and a Rapporteur, who will hold office for the duration of the meeting. The agenda and programme of work will be adopted

9.3. Progress reports

Summaries of national reports covering progress made by the countries in the development of national capabilities in the field of cartography, remote sensing and geographic information systems, and highlighting the status of activities will be presented. Discussions of the country reports will take place at the end the agenda item, after all have been submitted. Full country reports will only be distributed for information to participants.

The secretariat will report on achievements and current activities it carried out since the first meeting of CODI.

Invited international, regional and sub-regional organizations will report on achievements and current programmes relevant to the African region.

9.4. Policy issues

Under this agenda item, reports and invited papers addressing policy and strategic matters influencing the development and utilization of Geoinformation (GI) in decision-making, would be presented. In particular, reports and papers addressing the following sub-titles should be prepared:

9.4.1. Future orientations of GI Africa. Under this title the secretariat will present a study that was reviewed by an ad-hoc working group of experts that met in November 2000:

9.4.2 Economics of GI

9.5. Technical issues: New means for data collection and management.

This agenda item will include reports and invited papers on modern technological developments that facilitates filling datagaps, data organization and access to it, ranging from new space imagery, ground/ photogrammetric / space surveys methods, to the development of SDIs. In particular, reports under the following sub-titles should be submitted:

9.5.1. New trends and developments

9.5.2. National and Regional Spatial Data Infrastructures (NSDIs and RSDIs)

9.5.3 Report of the Working Group on AFREF

9.6. Applications. Under this agenda item, case studies of successful applications of GI would be presented addressing the various sectors of development.

9.7. Report on ECA activities in the area of geo-information during the period 1999-2001 and Programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003

9.8. The secretariat will present a report on the status of implementation of the programmes of work on Geoinformation for the biennia 1996-1997 and 1998-1999 for review, and a draft programme of work for the biennium 2000-2001 for consideration and recommendation to the Conference of Ministers.

9.9. Any other business

10. Adoption of the report and closing

SPECIAL SESSIONS**WW1. Working Group on the African Reference System AFREF**

With the support of GTZ, a working group on the African Reference System (AFREF) will be held on Monday 3 September 2001: GPS technology now permits to determine cm-level

accuracy reference systems for use as national and continental mapping reference, and for use in monitoring movements of the plates of the earth crust at minimal expense.

WW4. Working Group on Spatial Data Infrastructures

Complementing the reports and papers presented under item 4.5.2, a working group in the form of a one-two day workshop will be organized, whose objective is to provide an overview of policies, concepts, standards and practices associated with the implementation and operation of a SDI, with particular attention to metadata and clearinghouse. This seminar is oriented to those that may supervise or be responsible for implementing SDIs activities.

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