



“SDI in Action”

GSDI Permanent Secretariat Status of Activities

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GSDI Permanent Secretariat



- ◆ **Permanent Secretariat was endorsed by Steering Committee at GSDI 4 - GSDI Conference support remained a role of the host nation**
- ◆ **FGDC has provided interim Permanent Secretariat support**
- ◆ **Due to Staffing limitations some activities have been delayed**

Program Plan

- ◆ **A GSDI Program Plan was developed in fall of 2000**
- ◆ **Plan identified a number of actions for Secretariat, and others**
- ◆ **Progress has been made, some actions are not completed**
- ◆ **Permanent Secretariat guides the actions identified in the Pan**

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Key Actions

- ◆ **International Case Study**
- ◆ **SDI Survey**
- ◆ **Update of GSDI Steering Committee Membership**
- ◆ **Steering Committee Meetings and Teleconferences**
- ◆ **Outreach**

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International Case Study Analysis

Lessons for the GSDI:

◆ Objective

- Conduct a series international case studies of similar successful organizations to draw lessons learned for GSDI

◆ Methodology

- Identified key characteristics & decisions of GSDI
- Selected international collaboration case studies that are similar to GSDI
- Analyzed the cases

The Case Studies

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- ◆ **Main in-depth international case studies**
 - **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**
 - **International Council for Science (ICSU)**
 - **International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP)**
 - **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**
 - **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**
 - **Global Map**

The Case Studies

◆ Regional SDI case studies

- **Australia New Zealand Land Information Council (ANZLIC)**
- **European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information (EUROGI)**
- **Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia & the Pacific (PCGIAP)**
- **Permanent Committee on SDI for the Americas (PCIDEA)**
- **Southern African Development Community (SADC)**

◆ Additional case studies where useful insights

Preliminary Lessons Learned for GSDI



- ◆ **Balance formal structure with flexibility**
- ◆ **Membership development is customized**
- ◆ **Regional approaches critical**
- ◆ **Promote & provide technical assistance**
- ◆ **Find & encourage champions**
- ◆ **Creative & leveraged resource approaches needed**
- ◆ **Need diversity in business cases**
- ◆ **Other lessons**

Conclusions

- ◆ **Wealth of information from other organizations' experience for the GSDI**
- ◆ **Important for GSDI development & implementation**
 - **To be flexible & creative**
 - **Evolve over time**
 - **Leverage funds, talent, & expertise**
- ◆ **Opportunity for GSDI to grow & contribute to important global developments**

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◆ SDI Survey

- **Started in 1998 and updated in 2000**
- **Plans are to continue to maintain and update the survey (Dr Onsrud will discuss in Session 7b)**

◆ Committee Membership Update

- **Former Steering Committee and Advisory Committee combined**
- **33 Members from 15 Nations and 10 Multinational organisations or companies**

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◆ Meetings and Teleconferences

- **Nov 1, 2000; Dec 1, 2000; Jan 24, 2001, April 25, 2001**

◆ Outreach

- **GSDI Website - updated, Global Geosearch added**
- **GSDI Newsletter - First Newsletter completed for GSDI 5**
- **GSDI Representation at Conferences - Secretariat and Steering Committee participated in 8 Conferences and conducted 5 training sessions**



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