



# rural development & land reform

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## MINUTES OF THE WESTERN CAPE SPATIAL INFORMATION FORUM, MOWBRAY, CAPE TOWN 29 November 2012 at 09:30

### ATTENDANCE

- ❖ See Attendance Register


### APOLOGIES

D Clarke	FC Basson	K Smith
Kobus Monroe	Mike Wallace	Ronelda Jacobs

ITEM	Responsible official
<b>1. WELCOME</b>	
JP welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An update on the role of CSI and the Western Cape Spatial Information Forum (WCSIF) was given, highlighting the constituting document and the letter from CSI.</li> <li>There was an indication of how there was a need for a CSI "footprint" in the province (Western Cape).</li> <li>JP explained in his presentation that the WCSIF would collect metadata which could then be fed to the NSIF.</li> </ul>	JP
<b>1.2 CONSTITUTING DOCUMENT</b>	
EJ read through and explained the constituting document	EJ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ After the presentation of the constituting document, JP indicated that a detailed list of members (who does what and where) should be compiled and that task teams could be co-opted from this list to address any projects embarked on by the WCSIF.</li> <li>❖ A Declaration of Support (DoS) document was introduced to the forum. The essence of the DoS was reiterated by DotP and DRDLR. The audience were invited to pledge their support or nominate an appropriate person (data custodian) from their organisation.</li> </ul>	JP
<b>2. LAND COVER AND LAND USE INITIATIVE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP explained the land use/ land cover project initiative on which NGI has embarked.</li> <li>The project aims at identifying land use for the entire country.</li> <li>AP expressed the interest by NGI to work together with (DRDLR: SPI) in order to meet their set objectives. AP discussed some of the setbacks that would pose as a problem for the project, mentioning:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural areas with no cadastral</li> <li>Funds to capture data at such a detailed level</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FC Basson from the Department of Agriculture (DoA) noted that DoA was also doing a similar exercise capturing rural vs. urban agricultural uses.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. GIS DAY</b>	
EJ gave background and review of the GIS Day held by the SPI office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EJ presented the GIS awareness initiative SPI office undertook and explained how the idea came about from an internal session the SPI office had the previous year (2011) on advocating external awareness.</li> <li>SPI visited Vista High School and engaged with the scholars, explaining GIS capabilities and various career paths within GIS. Representatives from ESRI were also part of the team that went to the school EJ stated.</li> </ul>	EJ

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EJ said the students received some gifts in celebration of the day.</li> <li>He explained what GIS was all about (How it started and that over 100 countries now celebrate the day) and implored the WCSIF to also participate in the 2013 GIS day.</li> <li>It was proposed to combine GIS day with International planning day. This was a welcome idea from the forum member. The committee will look into it.</li> </ul>	EJ
<b>4. CENSUS 2011:</b>	
<p>WJ from Statistics South Africa (SATSSA) gave a presentation on the census done by STATSSA for 2011. From the presentation he explained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The census release was the quickest, compared to all other years</li> <li>The data currently is available down to Ward level</li> <li>There was a digital atlas mentioned which made for easy access and navigation for the data available</li> <li>The data was prepared for distribution to iPad; however some compatibility issues were still being experienced in this regard.</li> <li>Px web could be used for municipality data and Super Cross for the access of Ward data.</li> <li>In March 2013 sub-level data would be released.</li> <li>WJ left contact details for people who wish to contact them for any data related queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="mailto:Cuanb@statssa.gov.za">Cuanb@statssa.gov.za</a></li> <li><a href="mailto:vanessam@statssa.gov.za">vanessam@statssa.gov.za</a></li> <li><a href="mailto:waleed@statssa.gov.za">waleed@statssa.gov.za</a></li> <li>Tel: 012 3108 911</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WJ
<b>5. CENSUS DATA:</b>	
<p>JP gave another brief presentation on the STATSSA data, showing the various trends and patterns that can be measured from the available data. Specific examples were made using a "100 people" measure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Migration trends</li> <li>Dominant language</li> <li>Household</li> <li>Electricity</li> <li>Sanitation</li> </ul> <p>Visual representation of all these aspects were displayed during the presentation.</p>	JP
<b>5. NGI TRAINING:</b>	
<p>BE from NGI presented on the courses offered by NGI. The courses vary from GPS training, to map reading courses. He gave detailed slides and pictures of what the courses were about, explaining that in most cases the people cannot really use maps properly. BE Stated that the aim of these was to link maps and GIS so that people may have a full understanding of all aspects of spatial phenomena.</p>	BE
<b>6. CLOSURE (12:30)</b>	
JP thanked everybody for attending.	JP
<b>6.1</b> Light lunch served	DoP

SIGNED:



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