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BETTER TOGETHER.

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN CAPE SPATIAL INFORMATION FORUM, CAPE SUN, CAPE TOWN 12 JUNE 2014 at 09:30

ATTENDANCE

- ❖ See Attendance Register

APOLOGIES

- ❖ See forwarded apologies

COMMENTS

ITEM	Responsible official
1. WELCOME	
<p>Jacques du Preez (JdP) welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed the agenda and take the members through the listed items on the agenda.• JdP also thanked the Committee members; this was done to accommodate the members. He offered a warm welcome to those attending for the first time.• JdP reiterated that the meeting is bi-annual and the next forum will be planned towards the GIS day celebration in November 2014.	JdP
2. NATIONAL SPATIAL PLANNING DATA REPOSITORY	
<p>Gama Mfanafuthi of the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform gave a presentation on the National Spatial Planning Data Repository. He mentioned that the overall aim of this project was to improve integrated planning by facilitating real-time sharing of planning information which includes spatial and alpha-numeric information between provincial services departments and their role players. He also mentioned that municipalities without GIS will benefit from using this repository as they will be able to use it similar to SPYSIS that was implemented in Free State and Northern Cape provinces.</p> <p>ACTION: Survey questionnaires will be forwarded to all attendees.</p>	

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3. PRESENTATIONS BY TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS	
<p>Academic institutions that offer PLATO accredited courses on GIS in the Western Cape were also invited to present on the courses they offer in GIS.</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN – PROF. JULIAN SMIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prof Smit indicated that the institution offer courses on BSc Geomatics, BSc Geo-Informatics Specialisation, BSc Honours in GIS, MSc and PhD. He further went on to indicate that for courses such as BSc Geomatics in Surveying and BSc Geomatics in Geoinformatics are accredited for registration as Professional Land Surveyor, Professional Engineering Surveyor, Professional Geoinformatics Practitioner and Professional Photogrammetric Surveyor. <p>UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH PROF. ADRIAAN VAN NIEKERK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prof Van Niekerk indicated that they offer Geographic Information Technology course with training in two formats. It can be as part of the degree programme or as part of a short course. He further mentioned that PLATO accredited courses as part of the degree programme are BSc in Geoinformatics which can be taken over a period of 3 years and BSc Honours in Geoinformatics over one year. Other courses are not yet PLATO accredited. <p>CAPE PENINSULA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY – SIDDIQUE MOTALA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Siddique Motala gave a brief of the PLATO Accredited GIS courses that are offered in the institution accompanied by a digital story telling. He indicated that National Diploma Cartography (GISc) qualifies one to register as a GISc Technician, the same diploma with Articles qualifies one to register as GISc Technologist and BTech Cartography and articles qualifies to register as Professional GIS practitioner. 	
4. CSI and SAGIMS	
<p>Mimi Chauke from the Department of Rural Development gave a brief introduction of the Committee for Spatial Information (CSI) and the South African Geospatial Information Management Strategy (SAGIMS). She mentioned in her presentation that the first term of the CSI committee has come to an end by 2013 but it was however extended till June 2014. She introduced the subcommittees that the committee have and highlighted some of the achievements the committee have achieved thus far. With regard to SAGIMS, she indicated that one of the purposes of the strategy was that of outlining a long term coordinated and integrated approach to the management of geospatial information which will enable South Africa to realise its development goals.</p>	
5. OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY	
<p>Glenn Stavridis (GS) of Overstrand Municipality presented on the implementation, vision and plans of GIS in the Overstrand Municipality. He also gave a brief overview of how the municipal billing system is intergraded to the GIS of the municipality. GS suggested that the WCG look at helping local municipalities by negotiating on behalf of them with GIS</p>	

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software vendors for Enterprise License Agreements. JdP mentioned that the WCG was looking at a solution similar to Spisys (http://spisys.gov.za) being used in the Free State and Northern Cape for the Western Cape. They are sending a delegation to Bloemfontein on 26 June 2014. The Forum would be kept up to speed with any developments.	
SANBI: BGIS AND AVAILABLE DATASETS	
Sediqa Khatieb from SANBI highlighted in her presentation the available datasets on the BGIS system. She demonstrated how to download datasets from BGIS and how to use LUDS.	
6. CAPITAL INVESTMENT	
Roger Daniels of the Department of Premier gave a brief demonstration on the Capital Investment website (http://www.elsenburg.com/gis/apps/dotp/capital/).	
7. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT	
Nabeel Rylands (NB) also gave a presentation on Flood Risk management that can be done using GIS. NB Indicated that municipalities would soon be contacted for any flood risk related data. Attendees were asked to be on the lookout for any related data in the interim.	
8. LAND COVER FEEDBACK	
JdP gave some feedback on the progress with regard to acquiring a new and complete Land Cover dataset for the Western Cape. The National Department of Environmental Affairs (NEA) is looking into procuring a national Land Cover dataset. Provincial stakeholders have provided motivation for the dataset and these would be sent to NEA as additional proof that the data is urgently needed. Alternate options are also being considered, but the bottom line is that the WCG is doing its best to ensure a dataset is procured before the end of the year. This will also be discussed at the next CSI meeting. News updates will be sent to stakeholders thereafter.	JdP
9. WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE (13:30)	
<p>JdP did a quick highlight of the day. He said the WCSIF link to National and Provincial Government and this should be seen as a partnership model. He indicated that the forum wants to improve spatial information within the Province and establish the link with CSI. He reiterated the need to build spatial information strategies and to link it with what is happening at a National level.</p> <p>The second WCSIF function will be held close to GIS day (19 November 2014).</p> <p>He thanked everybody for attending. A light lunch was served.</p>	JdP

SIGNED: _____
CHAIRPERSON: WCSIF

DATE: _____