



Statement Input to Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiations

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The Institute for Conscious Global Change feels there needs to be a marriage between statistics and geography. Geospatial and communication tools and a participatory bottom-up approach are highly recommended.

As a Means of Implementation (MOI), we believe that geospatial science and technology innovation can and should be major drivers of social and economic development and are fundamental for all countries' efforts to achieve capacity building and sustainable development.

Geographic information Systems (GIS) and enabling platforms like the geodesign method have become key contributors to improved decision making and policy formulation, and have enhanced the capability for governments, international organizations and researchers to analyze, monitor and report on sustainable development and other global concerns.

Organized in a free and open software environment, such a global database will inform sustainable development agenda, strategy and monitoring based on a body of trusted, reliable and authoritative geospatial data. Such a database would be technical in nature, and will not address issues of political concern. It is important to compile the data in support of our Sustainable Goals and Targets from the bottom-up.

GIS and enabling platforms will also help us to eliminate poverty by planning out water, food, energy, transportation, agriculture, health, and communication resources to provide cost-benefit analyses for education, health, gender equality, biodiversity in the light of climate change.

In contrast to other tools, only GISs are able to process data at multiple spatial scales, and do so by addressing the conflicting needs of context specifics to address local variation and standardization to have comparable measures.

ICGC will be happy to assist with the development of a support infrastructure (personnel as well as best practices) but it is important to acknowledge the necessity for all organizations represented in the post-2015 development agenda to be able to contribute their own views and values of what constitutes a good and decent quality of life for everyone.

We are also recommending that by 2020 all governments engage their countries at the national, regional and local levels in coming up with a comprehensive development plan to ensure that no one is left behind and that the citizens have a voice in the development of their country, especially women and the youth.

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