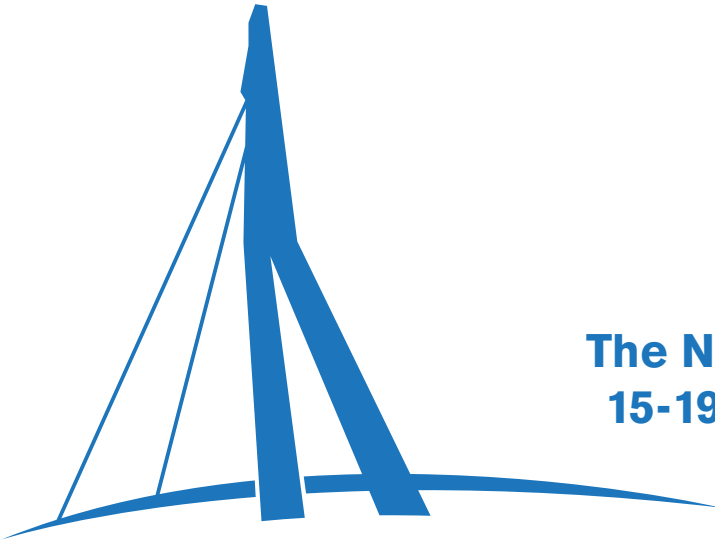


# GSDI 11 WORLD CONFERENCE

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**Rotterdam**  
**The Netherlands**  
**15-19 June 2009**

**Spatial Data Infrastructure Convergence:**  
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**Geographic information technologies and spatial data infrastructure play critical roles in allowing governments, local communities, non-government organizations, the commercial sector, the academic community and common people to make progress in addressing many of the worlds most pressing problems.**

The approaches in building spatial data infrastructure within and among nations are in many respects converging. This conference will explore convergence towards best standards, practices and processes among nations while at the same time explore ever evolving and exciting new approaches to the offering of geographic data and services in meeting real world needs.

The 11th edition of the **GSDI Conference** will take place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands and will be held in conjunction with the **INSPIRE Conference** of the European Commission, and the **Dutch Conference on SDI Results and Challenges**. This conference provides an excellent opportunity to present Europe's INSPIRE Directive and the Dutch GI innovations over the past five years, to the global community.

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We invite you to come and build bridges with and among your peers to support mutually beneficial spatial data infrastructures for all.

**Meet and exchange views**

GSDI conferences are opportunities to meet and exchange views about implementing and developing spatial data concepts and practices. From national and international agency perspectives to local grassroots initiatives, the conference will provide an occasion for interaction and cooperation among disciplines and practitioners that use and develop spatial technologies and databases. Policy-makers at local, regional and global levels are provided with an opportunity to interact with a global community fostering spatial data infrastructure developments in support of addressing important worldwide needs.

**Features of GSDI 11**

The conference program is being designed to accommodate a series of daily plenary sessions with keynote speakers and sessions focused on the conference theme and related topics, technical paper sessions in several parallel tracks, pre-conference workshops freely open to all registrants, an exhibition area highlighting agency initiatives and corporate product and service offerings, and numerous organized round table discussions to allow people with common interests or from common regions of the globe to present, discuss, and share issues, experiences and plans.



## Call for Papers

This joint conference is hosted by several organizations that are inviting presentations covering the full range of practice, development and research experiences that advance the practice and theory of spatial data infrastructure development. The submissions accepted through this call for papers will be orally presented in parallel session tracks.

**Go to: <http://www.gsdi.org/gsdi11> for all details on the call for papers**

Presentations will be organized in the following tracks, but authors are invited as well to submit presentations that fall outside of these topical tracks. The tracks are as follows:

- Experiences in developing local, regional, national, multi-national, and global SDI initiatives, projects and programs
- Applications arising from the use of improved spatial data infrastructure including those related to poverty alleviation; environmental sustainability; e-government; e-commerce; disaster prevention, management and response; public order and safety; transportation; spatial planning; health; consumer products (e.g. serious gaming and navigation); the cadastre and similar topics
- Geographic Data issues and Metadata issues
- Clearinghouses/registries/portals
- Web-based services for discovery, access and processing
- Standards and Interoperability Issues
- Legal, Ethics, Policy, and Economic issues
- Institutional, Administrative, and Management Issues
- Emerging Participatory, Inclusive and Collaborative Approaches in Developing Content and Infrastructure (e.g. participatory GIS, geoweb tools, data commons, collaborative commercial and open source software production approaches, volunteered geographic information, global geo efforts)
- Capacity Building and Education, Knowledge Exchange (e.g. among research, development, education and professional practice communities as well as throughout society)
- Basic and Applied Research Methods and Research Results
- Other

## Publication

GSDI 11 will support two primary forms of publication:

- (1) a normal conference proceedings with abstracts and full articles, published on a CD, and
- (2) a post-conference special edition of the International Journal of Spatial Data Infrastructures Research (IJSDIR) with full articles selected from the proceedings and then fully refereed and revised after the conference.

For follow-up full paper submissions, authors retain copyright in their work but will be required to select a Creative Commons License to help ensure continued global access to their work over time. All publications produced for the conference, including abstracts, full papers and presentation slides, will be openly archived eventually at [gsdi.org/gsdiConferences.asp](http://gsdi.org/gsdiConferences.asp)

## Proceedings Submission Deadlines

- **Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1 December 2008**
- **Results of abstract reviews returned to authors: 1 February 2009**
- **Deadline for submission of full papers: 1 April 2009**
- **Deadline for full conference registration payment for all presenters: 15 April 2009**



Expect to ...

- interact with top level international speakers,
- learn about and share local, European and global experiences in building spatial data infrastructures, and
- engage in networking with counterparts.

We look forward to meeting you 15-19 june 2009 in Rotterdam The Netherlands



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