

Legal & Socioeconomic Committee Roundtable

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L & SE Objectives & Responsibilities

- explores legal, ethical, economic, societal and policy frameworks within which spatial data infrastructures are developed locally and across individual nations, multi-nation regions and globally,
- encourages dialogue and action on legal, economic, public policy and societal approaches to SDI development,
- explores models, approaches, and experiences that enhance cooperation among nations in sharing spatial data and spatial technologies.

L & SE Objectives & Responsibilities

- identifies, acquires, analyzes, and reports on GSDI Association members' policies or legislation being adopted or considered by national, regional (multi-nation) or international law bodies that might be relevant to the goals of the Association or otherwise affect the global development of SDIs,
- propose and develop statements in support of the goals of the organization,
- propose and draft responses to legislation that may be adverse to those goals, and
- develop approaches for communicating with legislators, agency personnel, and other policy makers.

L & SE Projects & Initiatives

1. Updating Chapter 8 of the SDI Cookbook wiki – “Legal Issues and Economic Policy”.
2. Continue to raise awareness for “SDI Best Practice”.
3. Monitoring national and regional SDI implementations with respect to legal and socioeconomic issues via the L&SE e-mail list.
4. Establish liaison with the new OGC “Spatial Law and Policy Committee” (recommended new activity, post-GSDI 11)

L & SE Progress to date [1]

- Updating Chapter 8 of the SDI Cookbook wiki “**Legal Issues and Economic Policy**”.
- http://gsdidocs.org/GSDIWiki/index.php?title=Chapter_8
- The chapter was created and some material has been added.
- Original goal for the Cookbook was to have a sufficiently complete version online so that a PDF ‘snapshot’ could be taken by GSDI-11 (or by the end of GSDI-11).
- More input is needed from any L&SE members or prospective members who feel that they have a contribution to make.
- R Longhorn is the chapter editor and moderator.

L & SE Progress to date [2]

Raising awareness of “SDI Best Practice”

Best Practice workshops, presentations or GSDI representations:

- Dublin, May 2008
- UNSDI meeting, Geneva, June 2008
- UNSDI meeting, FAO, Rome, June 2008
- UNGIWG-9, November 2008
- Littoral 2008, Venice, November 2008
- SDI & PSI workshop, Paris, Feb 2009
- Dublin Institute of Technology, March and May 2009
- EuroSDR (SDI Cost-Benefit), May 2009
- GSDI-11 Conference “SDI Best Practice” Workshop, 15 June 2009

L & SE Progress to date [3]

Maintaining the L&SE e-mail list

- approximately 85 members today
- roughly the same members over the past three years
- need to gather more members, especially those actively involved in SDI implementation
- Question: what do we do to interest more e-mail list members to participate?

The Future

- **We need to agree of a list of achievable activities for 2009-2010. What (new) projects have the members to offer:**
 - 1.**
 - 2.**
 - 3.**