



COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE GEO-REFERENCED INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FOR DEVELOPMENT (GRID3) NIGERIA USE CASE WORKSHOP HELD AT LADI KWALI HALL, SHERATON ABUJA HOTEL FROM APRIL 9TH - 10TH, 2019

The Geo-Referenced Infrastructure and Demographic Data for Development (GRID3) Nigeria Use Case Workshop was held from Tuesday, 09 April to Wednesday, 10 April 2019 at **Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Abuja Hotel**. This workshop was the first of its kind for the GRID3 programme, which is being implemented in five African countries. GRID3 combines the expertise of partners in academia, governments, the United Nations, and the private sector to design adaptable and relevant geospatial solutions based on capacity and development needs in Nigeria. The purpose of the workshop was to demonstrate to governments and/or actors the added value of applying GRID3 data and methods to address sustainable development challenges.

Over 125 participants attended the workshop, including delegates and representatives from the Ministries of Health, Education, Budget, National Planning, and Finance as well as the National Population Commission (NPopC), National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and others. Also in attendance were the GRID3 global partners, which include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), UK Department for International Development (DFID), Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) at Columbia University, WorldPop/Flowminder (WP/FM), and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). International participants from other GRID3 countries (Zambia, Mozambique, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo) were also present.

The keynote address was delivered by the Honorable Minister of Budget and National Planning, Senator Udoma Udo Udoma, who emphasized the need to develop and apply geospatial data within government activities, especially in achieving the goals identified in the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP). This was expanded upon in detail during the use case presentations, which focused on health, education, survey, and population. Thematic breakout sessions provided more opportunities for participants to have in-depth interactions on how to apply GRID3 methods and solutions in their specific fields of work.

Observations:

1. The need for geospatial data applications for evidence-based decision making within various sectors in Nigeria was acknowledged during this workshop.
2. The added value of applying GRID3 data and methods to address sustainable development challenges was demonstrated.
3. Options for geospatial capacity strengthening and training were introduced.
4. Opportunities to further develop use cases were identified

and work plans emerged.

5. Continued and formal endorsement was received by GRID3 Nigeria from the government.

Resolutions

1. The Ministry of Budget and National Planning should update and review progress on the enactment of the Nigerian Geoinformation policy with the required legal framework by working closely with the GRID3 project implementation team and relevant stakeholders.
2. The Federal Government of Nigeria, through the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), should harmonize its geospatial data systems and develop coordination processes to ensure smooth delivery of the programme, plans, and services by all stakeholders.
3. The National Boundary Commission (NBC) and the Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation (OSGOF), with support from the GRID3 partners, will work towards the harmonization and validation of ward boundaries in six selected states, which are to be determined.
4. The GRID3 partners and relevant government agencies are committed to ensuring that the GRID3 points of interest, settlement, and boundary datasets represent the most accurate, complete, and up-to-date geospatial data layers in Nigeria.
5. The GRID3 partners, in collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics, should carry out 25 field tests and implement a full gridded survey by 2020.
6. The GRID3 partners will reach out to workshop participants to identify users for beta testing of the gridded population estimates interface.
7. The Federal Ministry of Education and its parastatals (UBEC, NCNE, etc.) should grant the GRID3 partners access to relevant data for integration with existing GRID3 data.
8. The Ministry of Health and its agencies (NPHCDA, etc.) should provide the GRID3 partners access to health facility data from the District Health Information System (DHIS2) and Health Management Information System (HMIS2) for harmonization with existing GRID3 data.
9. The GRID3 partners should provide capacity strengthening and support to all stakeholders to ensure sustainability of the programme.
10. The Ministry of Budget and National Planning should expand the use of GRID3 data to the private sector for the common good of Nigerians.

Conclusion

Workshop participants have collectively endorsed the resolutions and respective government agencies are committed their enactment.

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