

**Minutes of the Nodal Officers' meet held on 25th August, 2010 in
the Khosla Hall, NSDI, R.K. Puram, New Delhi**

1. 6th Nodal Officers' meet was held on 25th August, 2010 in Khosla Hall, NSDI, New Delhi at 11:00 AM. Maj Gen (Dr) R Siva Kumar, CEO NSDI & Head NRDMS was in the Chair. The following members/invitees were present:-

- a) Maj Gen R C Padhi, Dy Director General Mil Svy, MoD
- b) Maj Gen Girish Kumar, Director, IBC, DSSDI, Survey of India
- c) Dr (Mrs) Vandana Sharma, DDG , NIC
- d) Commander Lochan Singh Pathania, Joint Secretary, Directorate of Hydrography
- e) Shri E Haque, Scientist, MoES
- f) Shri M L Srivastava, Joint Director, FSI
- g) Shri Prashant Kumar Gupta, Dy Director, CWC
- h) Shri Kirtimay Mukhopadhyay, Deputy Director, NATMO
- i) Shri G P Obi Reddy, Head, Remote Sensing Application Division, NBSSL&UP.
- j) Shri Kuldeep Kachroo, Director, Geodata & Data base Division, GSI
- k) Shri P S Chhikara, Census
- l) Ms Smiriti K Upadhyay, Scientist 'C', CPCB
- m) Ms Piyah Bandyo Padhyay, Project Scientist, CPCB
- n) Shri Krishna Gopal, Programmer, CGWB
- o) Shri S K Lalwani, Head (Projects), CDC
- p) Shri Sushil Kumar, System Manager, NSDI
- q) Dr KR Murali Mohan, Scientist-F, DST
- r) Lt Col A K Bhandari, OSD, NSDI
- s) Shri Gangadharan, Dy. Secretary, NSDI
- t) Dr O P Gaba, Scientist 'C', DST

2. Chairman, while welcoming all the participants briefed about the Coastal hazard line mapping for Disaster Management of the country and about the

National data Sharing and Accessibility policy (NDSAP). He mentioned that while supplying information/data under RTI act security, privacy and IPR issues is to be considered for preparing a negative list of the data which agencies don't have to share.

3. Chairman also mentioned about the need for preparation of Metadata by all the nodal agencies. It is the responsibility of all the nodal agencies to upload their Metadata and product Catalogue into the India GeoPortal. He said that as everyone is aware, funds were made available for five years for all the nodal agencies for establishment of Node.

4. Chairman, mentioned that all organizations must put an endeavor to utilize the money effectively for establishment of the node. He said that money can be spent for procurement of the required hardware, software and connectivity for establishing the node along with recruitment of two/three suitable persons as per RR policy for working on the node.

5. OSD, NSDI made a presentation on the Data Content Standard document which was e-mailed earlier to all the agencies for comments. He also showed the current status of Metadata availability of all the nodal agencies. He pointed out that those who have not yet supplied Metadata may please speed up the process.

Discussions

6. Nodal Officer from GSI asked about the explanation of the NSDI node requirements which needs to be established in the respective organizations. The same was explained in detail along with the deliverables required out of them and clarified the node architecture as such and how these nodes will support NSDI portal in extraction, uploading and updating their organization metadata/data on India Geoportal.

7. Detailed discussion over all the themes of Data Content standard document was carried out and lot of suggestions and inputs were received from the nodal agencies. Nodal officer from survey of India suggested some changes in the theme names too. A CD containing the Data Content standards of FGDC and INSPIRE was also handed over to all the nodal officers for their perusal.

8. Consultancy Development Centre (CDC) of Dept of Scientific Industrial Research (DSIR) was invited to prepare aspirational document in three months time. All nodal agencies were asked to provide inputs for creation of aspirational document to CDC. Shri S K Lalwani was also present during the said meet and gave a presentation on how they intend to create the said document.

9. Chairman asked all the working groups to continue their efforts in their respective working groups with special mention to working groups on 'Outreach & Communication' and 'Data delivery and Capacity Building'. Chairman working group 'Data Delivery and Capacity building' mentioned they are already working on their working group with NIC and soon will be submitting their report.

10. Chairman informed that any nodal agency wishes to send someone for training to advanced research lab at IIT Bombay to train him/her to work on NSDI node can do so.

Decisions Taken

11. All nodal agencies to establish the NSDI node at the earliest by using the financial support extended by DST and confirm about the same. Thereafter quarterly progress on node is requested from all the agencies.

12. All nodal agencies to suggest themes pertaining to their organization within one month and thereafter work towards preparation of final data content standard document will progress.

13. All nodal agencies to provide inputs to Consultancy Development Centre for preparation of aspirational document.

14. Working group on 'Outreach and Communication' and 'Data Delivery and Capacity Building' to submit their report at the earliest.
15. The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

(Lt Col A K Bhandari)
OSD, NSDI