Global Mapping: Global Geoinformation for Sustainable Development

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Agenda

- What have been achieved
- What challenges remain
- What effects had the project had on sustainable development
- What impact has this had on national mapping organizations and agencies
- How can the goals and objectives of the project be more effectively disseminated to increase collaboration

Major achievement: 3Bs

- Building the Global Map community
 143 directly participating countries
- Building SDI Capacity
 - Global Mapping Group Course
 - GM/ GSDI Grant
- Building a SDI Culture

Challanges

- To meet GM completion target 2007
- To maintain and keep update GM data = "sustainability"
- To improve and increase usage and application of GM for "sustainable development"

GM impact on Sustainable Development

- Theoretical benefits yes, tangible results !!
- GM registry, uploads and usage need improvement through "example"
- Initiating NMOs for NSDI development

Impact on NMOs

- When international collaboration is possible for GM, why not national collaboration for NSDI !!
- Capacity improvement: Nepal for example
 - Technology transfer through training
 - Opportunity for studying practical SDI development case
 - GM/ GSDI Grant

How Increase Collaboration!!

- GM efforts should be designed to address immediate environmental issues
- GM efforts should support "sustainable development" projects
- Specific projects should be implemented to address the problems of LDC countries in the coastal and the mountainous regions
- "GM for sustainable development" a hype or hit should be proved by example.

Conclusion

- GM programme has improved in developing network and a SDI culture
- Specific projects to help specially the LDCs of environmentally vulnerable areas in the coasts and the mountains should be considered

