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Press Release

Association of Geospatial Industries (AGI) Open Session on Geospatial Infrastructure, Policies and Frameworks

New Delhi, 8 June, The recent releases of the draft Geospatial Information Regulation Bill by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the draft National Geospatial Policy by Department of Science and Technology (DST) have awakened the nation to the universal relevance of Geospatial Information. Recognising the value Geospatial Information contributes in all walks of life, the Honourable Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi has said that 'Let there be no Space between Space and People.'

It is therefore now an imperative for all stakeholders of the Geospatial Industry to collectively achieve this vision and build an all-encompassing Geospatial Infrastructure for sustainable build economic development of the country. Taking this spirit forward Association of Geospatial Industries (AGI), conducted an Open Session on Geospatial Information Infrastructure, Policies and Framework on 8th June 2016 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

The session was attended by eminent personalities covering the entire spectrum of Geospatial Industry which includes Civil Society Organisations, Research and Academia, Business Enterprises, Multi-Lateral Agencies, Government User Departments and Geospatial Companies. Mr. Sanjay Kumar, President AGI, welcomed all the participants at the open session and expressed his appreciation for supporting the event at a short notice. He said that Geospatial Information is now all pervasive and has universal relevance to all stakeholders. He further added that this forum will initiate the dialogue to develop a comprehensive and collaborative framework for adoption of Geospatial Information and Technologies in India.

Ms. Bharti Sinha, Executive Director AGI presented the Rationale and Relevance of this open session to discuss the need of a comprehensive, cohesive and collaborative Geospatial Information Infrastructure, Policies and Framework for India. She said that the usage of Geospatial Information is now being driven primarily by technological advancements, industry requirements and value derived from its usage, and the influence these drivers will bring is huge in numbers i.e. in billion and trillion of USD.

A Panel Discussion was held at the session with Mr, Vishnu Chandra, Deputy Director General (DDG), National Informatics Centre (NIC), Dr. Debpriya Dutta, Advisor, DST, Mr. Rajesh Mathur, Chairperson FICCI Task Force for Geospatial, Dr. Seema Parihar, Professor in Geography, Delhi University, Mr. Srinibas Patnaik, Senior Director, Digital Globe, Mr. Vishal Sharma, Principal - Smart Cities Lead, Accenture, Ms Bharti Sinha, ED AGI as panelists. Mr. Sanjay Kumar chaired the panel discussion.

The panel discussed and agreed for a National GI Policy which is Cohesive, Comprehensive and Co-ordinated with everything at one place and recommended for DST to take a proactive role in bringing co-ordination, Specific Guidelines for specific process, timelines (policy implementation details).

The participants representing the cross section of geospatial industry also shared their views at the open session. A consensus was reached among the panel and the participants agreed on 10 point resolutions which will shared with the concerned government departments.



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About Association of Geospatial Industries (AGI)

Association of Geospatial Industries (AGI) is a professional association of geospatial companies in India incorporated as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act of 1860.. AGI has been formed with an objective to serve and pursue the common concerns of geospatial technology in the field of policy advocacy, capacity building, model code of conduct, and business practices operating in India. AGI aims to serve as a single platform to bring together the concerns and challenges of Indian geospatial industry and thereby steer the industry towards a growth path. It is a non-profit organisation working towards promotion and propagation of Geospatial technologies for the benefit of society at large.

The primary objectives of AGI are to address common concerns and interests of the Indian geospatial industry and represent the same with other stakeholders of geospatial community including governments at Centre and State levels, academia and other industry bodies like FICCI, CII, Institution of Engineers, etc.

AGI act as an advisor to the various government departments on effective and successful implementation of geospatial technologies in their respective sector. AGI brings out newsletters and encourage the exchange of scientific know-how and industry related information. It also organizes seminars and workshops on geospatial and related technologies and its applications at national and international levels.

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