

India hosts the 1st BRICS Working Group Meeting on Geospatial Technologies at Greater Noida, UP, India on 02 March 2016 on the sidelines of GeoSmart India 2016

Greater Noida: From the ground of India Expo Centre, India led the first BRICS Working Group Meeting on Geospatial Technologies (BRICS-WG-GS) at GeoSmart India 2016. 'Geospatial Technologies for Good Governance and Decision-making' has been the theme of the deliberations. Held under the aegis of the BRICS Moscow Declaration 2015, the BRICS Working Group has been formed to promote collaborative Geospatial Information Science & Technology Research, Technology Development and their Applications in good governance and decision-making amongst the BRICS countries. The deliberations culminated in an agreement towards partnerships in Science, Technology and Innovation in Geospatial Technologies through an eligible work programme. Areas of cooperation discussed at the event include 'Geospatial Information Policies', 'Geoscience', 'Earth Observation and its Applications', 'Land Information System', 'Human Resources and Capacity Building' and 'Industry Engagements'.



(1st BRICS Working Group Meeting on Geospatial Technologies held on 02 March 2016 at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, UP)

The BRICS Nations are the five most important emerging economies in the World today and have been at different stages of implementing and leveraging Geospatial Technologies for Infrastructure Development, Geospatial Governance (g-Governance), Land Resources Management towards ensuring Food Security, improving Health and Education Services, and Disaster Management etc. As BRICS Nations collaborate on a number of fronts supporting each other's growth and development, cooperation in the Geospatial Technology domain is considered an important initiative.



(BRICS Geospatial Technologies Working Group deliberating on the eligible work programme)

The BRICS Geospatial Technology Working Group Meeting had representatives of the related domains from the respective countries except South Africa discussing on evolving strategies for cooperation in Geo-Information Science & Engineering like identifying common areas of interest, evolving mechanisms for common Call for Proposals (CFPs), disseminating identified areas of interest among Scientific and Technical communities in the respective countries, using Public Private Partnership (PPP) mechanisms for catalyzing B2B relationships and providing inputs to the BRICS Science & Technology and Innovation Ministerial Group.

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