

UN-GGIM and the Americas: Addressing Global Challenges Through Geospatial Information

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The rapid development and increased demand for spatial information infrastructures in many jurisdictions these past many years have made spatial information an invaluable tool in policy formulation and evidence-based decision making.

Spatial enablement, that is, the ability to add location to almost all existing information, unlocks the wealth of existing knowledge about social, economic and environmental matters, play a vital role in understanding and addressing the many challenges that we face in an increasingly complex and interconnected world. Spatial enablement requires information to be collected, updated, analysed, represented, and communicated, together with information on land ownership and custodianship, in a consistent manner to underpin good governance of land and its natural resources, whole-of-government efficiency, public safety and security towards the well being of societies, the environment and economy.

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17th UNRCC-AP, Bangkok, 2006

PCGIAP WG-3 reported that its future work plan would include the initiation and work on “Spatially Enabling Governments”.

PCGIAP, 2006

PCGIAP WG-3: Land Administration renamed to “Spatially Enabled Government”.

18th UNRCC-AP, Bangkok, 2009

recommended that PCGIAP undertake a study to understand, compare and determine the state of spatially enabled government and society.

PCGIAP, 2009

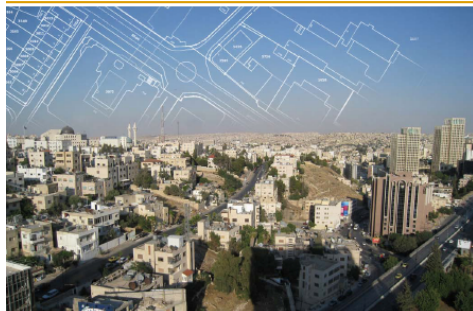
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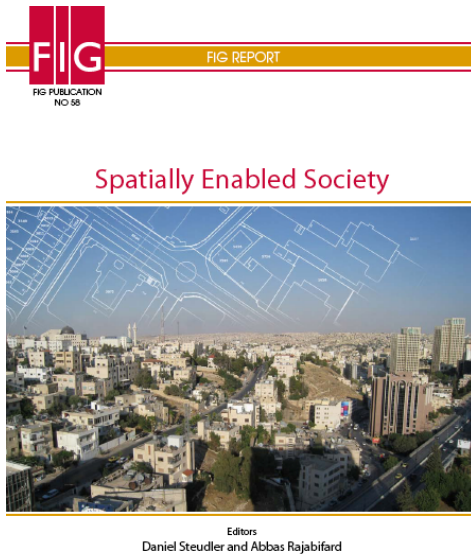
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FIG Task Force on “Spatially Enabled Society”

established at FIG’s 2009 General Assembly with Dr. Daniel Steudler (Switzerland) as Chair

- to explore the issue of Spatially Enabled Society (SES);
- to identify the role of the profession in a spatially enabled society; and
- to make recommendations



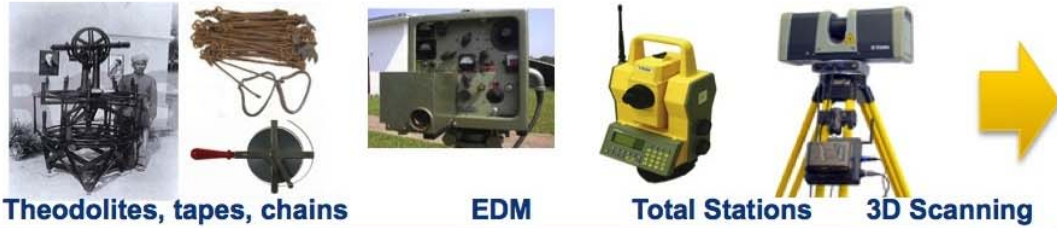
“Place matters! Everything happens somewhere”

Stig Enemark, FIG President, 2009

9th UNRCC-A, New York, 2009

Technology Convergence

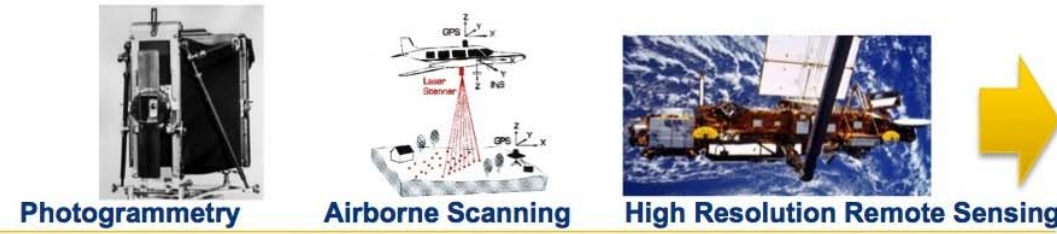
Angle & Distance Measurement



Space & Inertial Measurement



Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing



Peripheral Sensors



Computation & Communications



Integrated Mobile Mapping

**BIG
(Geospatial)
DATA**

(Pete Lage, Trimble, FIG-Abuja, 2013)

Technology is Changing Rapidly

Coevolving with Other Enabling Technologies



Building the technology platform for land administration.....

(Brent Jones, ESRI, FIG-Montevideo, 2012)

Manage

Knowledge
Managers/Providers

Solution Providers/
Advisors

Data Collectors

Information
Managers

Surveyor 2.0

Technical/Field
Officers

System Designers

Geodesists/Scientists

Quality Managers

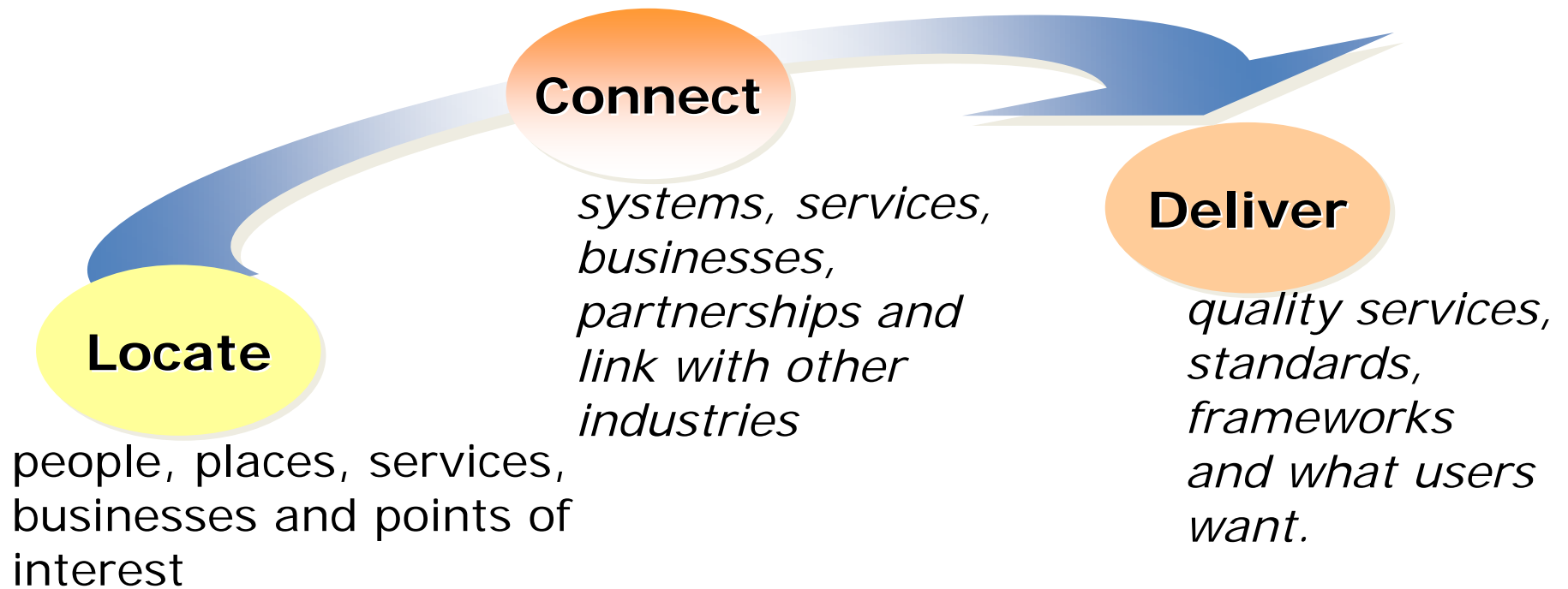
Model

Measure
(value/estimate)



An Enabling Platform

- ✓ Spatial Information can be a unifying medium – **linking** solutions to location.
- ✓ User demand has shifted to seeking **improved** services and delivery tools. This will be achieved by creating an environment so that we can:

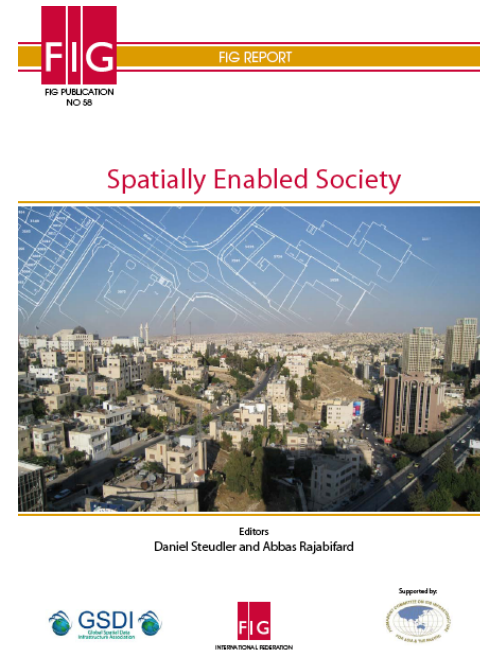


Abbas Rajabifard, 2012

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Six fundamental elements are required, namely –

- ✓ Legal framework to provide the institutional structure for data sharing, discovery, and access;
- ✓ Sound data integration concept to ensure multi sourced data integration and interoperability;
- ✓ Positioning infrastructure to enable and benefit from precise positioning possibilities;
- ✓ Spatial information infrastructure to facilitate data sharing, reduce duplication and link data producers, providers and value adders to data users



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- ✓ Land ownership (and custodianship) information as the dominant issue in the interactions between government, businesses and citizens; and
- ✓ data and information to respect certain basic principles and to increase the availability and interoperability

Without these six elements, the spatial enablement of a government or a society would seriously be held back in its progress.

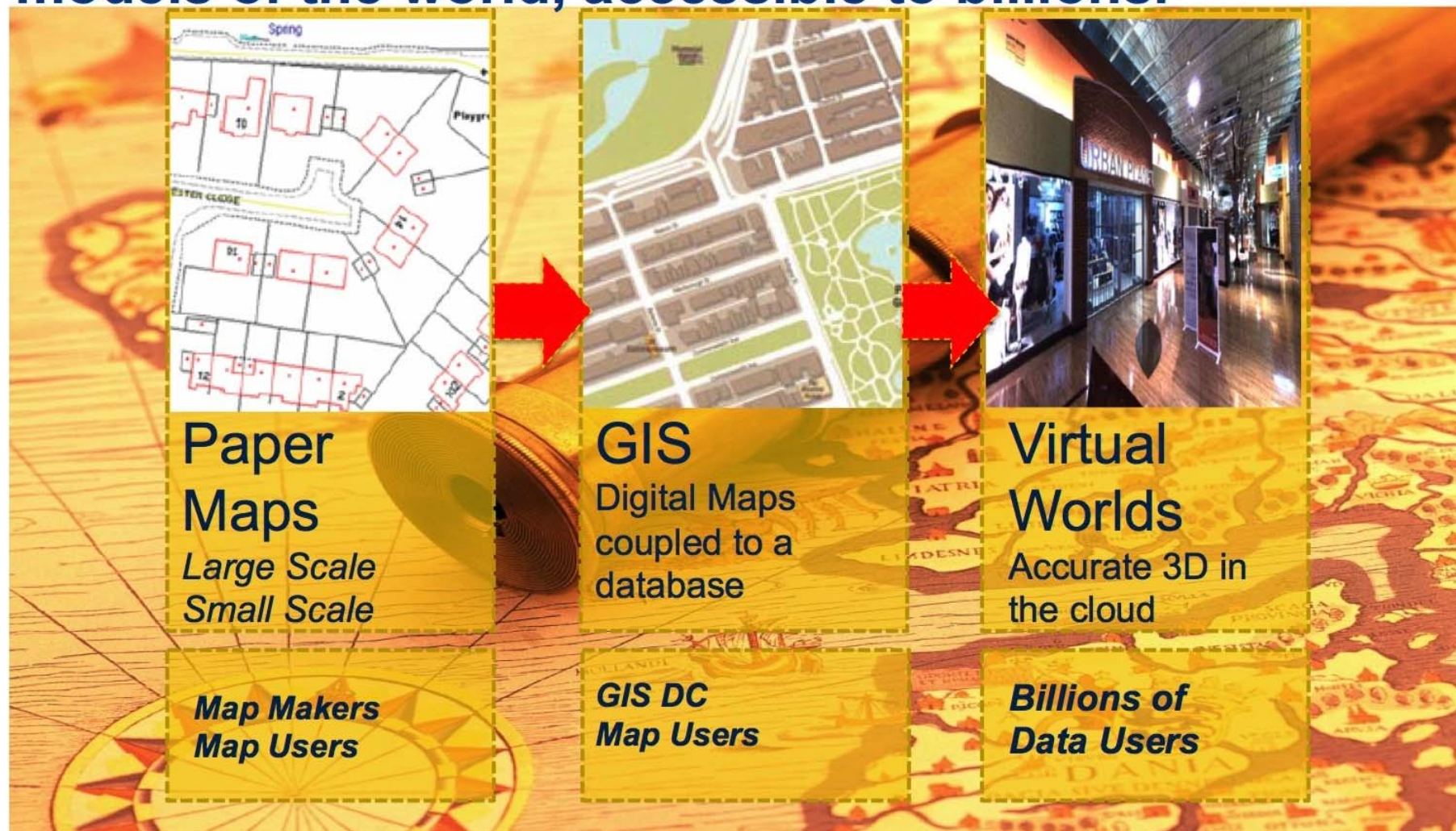
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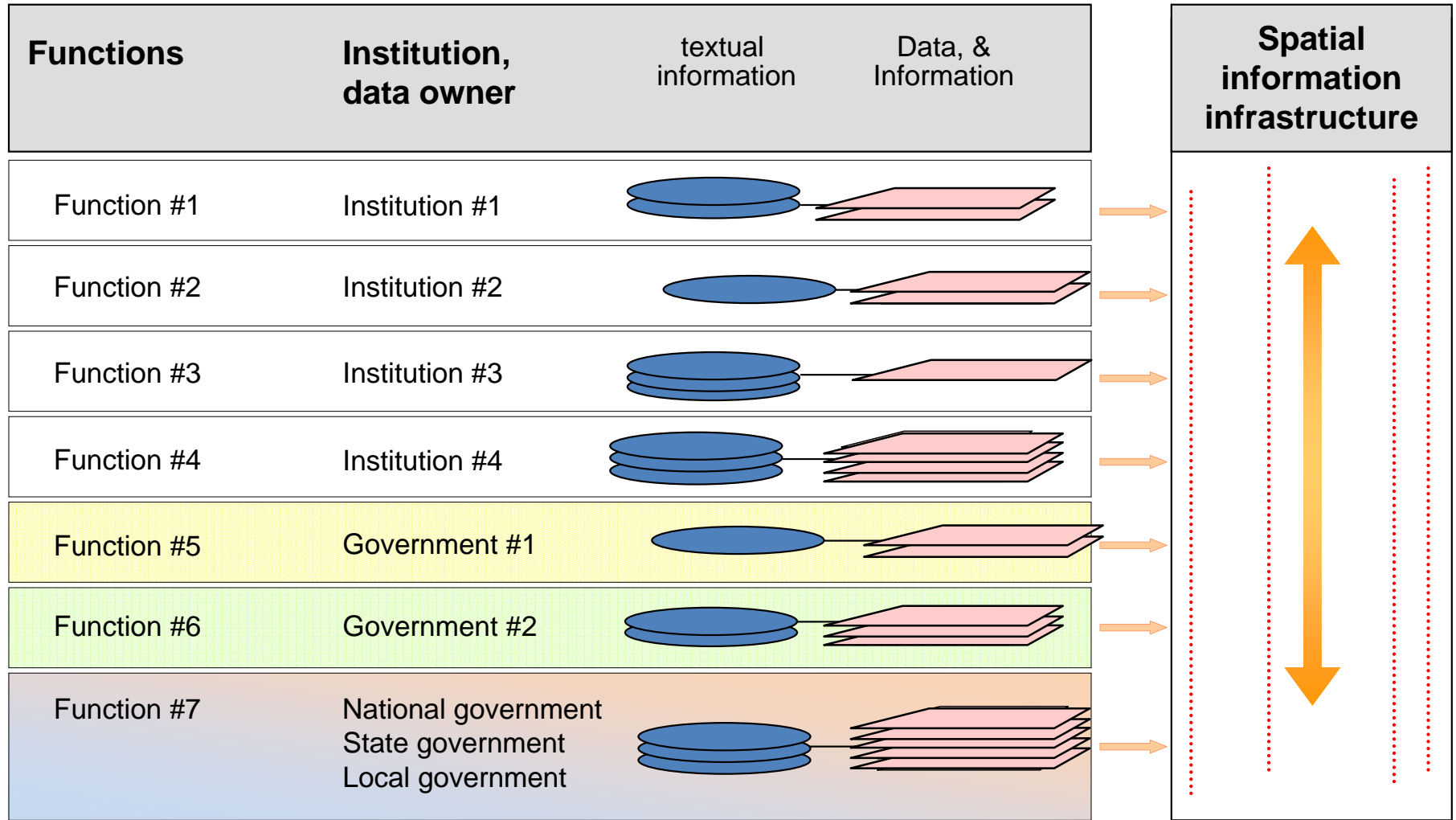


Geospatial information has evolved from paper maps, to GIS, to 3D virtual models of the world, accessible to billions.



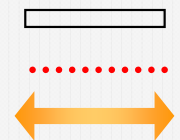
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Data Integration Concept



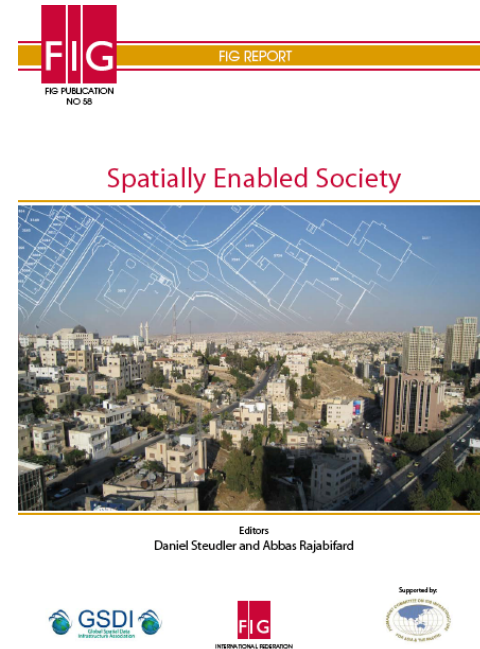
Three pre-conditions:

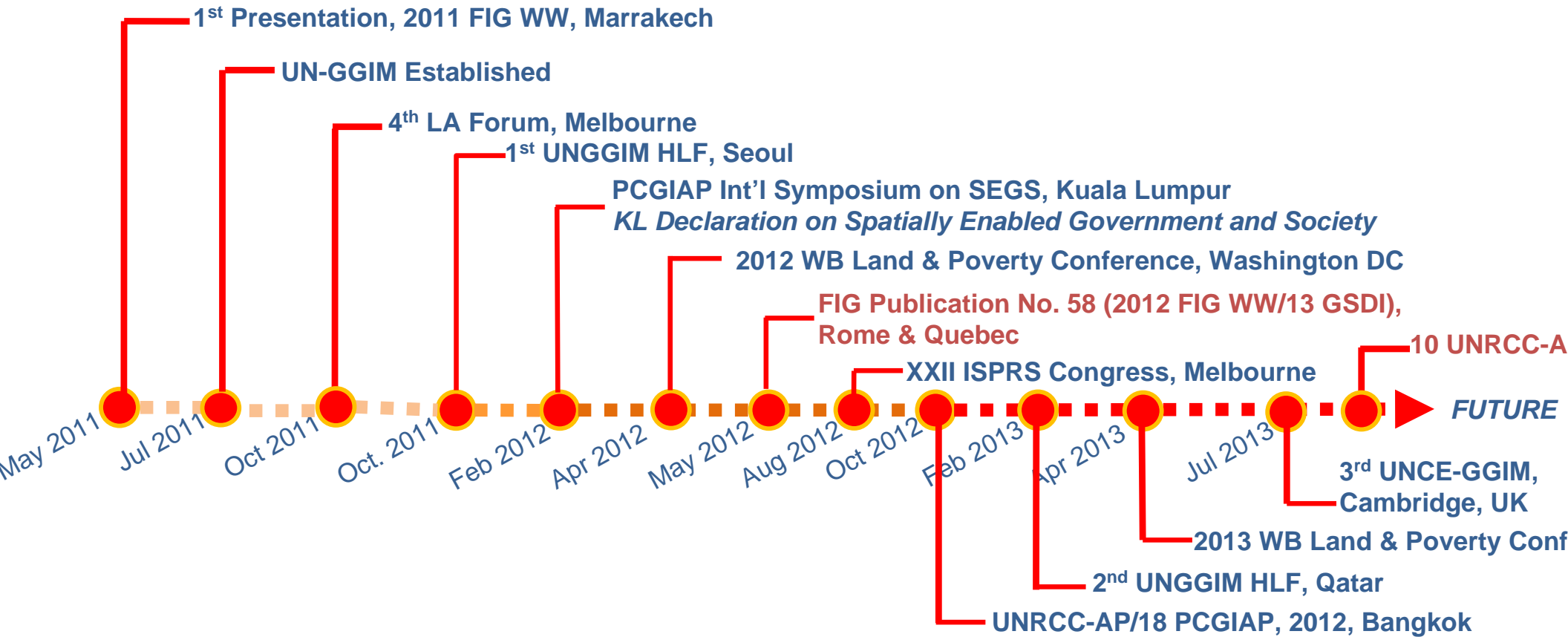
- legal resp. institutional independence
- common geodetic reference framework
- standardized data modelling concept



after Daniel Steudler & Jurg Kaufman, 2012
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Society can be regarded as spatially enabled when location and spatial information are commonly available to citizens, businesses and governments to encourage creativity, innovation and product development, evidence based decisions and informed actions. It promotes transparency and e-Democracy





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still a work-in-progress

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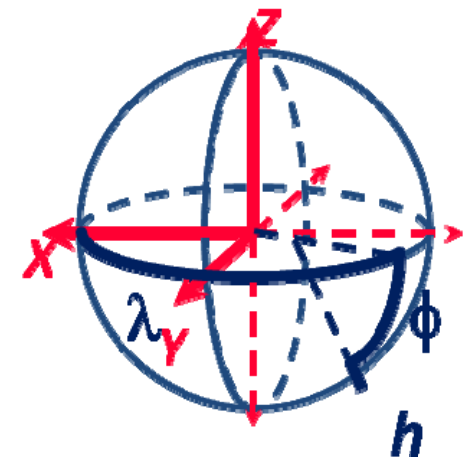
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“building effective geospatial infrastructures and promoting greater use of geospatial information are part of a new frontier in harnessing science and technology for advancing sustainable development”

*Mr. Wu Hongbo
Under-Secretary General,
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs,
August 2012*



Good Coordination
starts with
Good Coordinates
- Dave Doyle
FIG Regional Conference,
Costa Rica, 2007

“ recognized the importance of a global geodetic reference frame and the need to maintain national positioning infrastructure,

to work with all stakeholders to improve intergovernmental coordination for a sustained operational global geodetic reference frame and infrastructure.”

(UNCE GGIM, August 2012)



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Vinculación de la información geoespacial con datos
estadísticos y de otro tipo

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Nota de la Secretaría

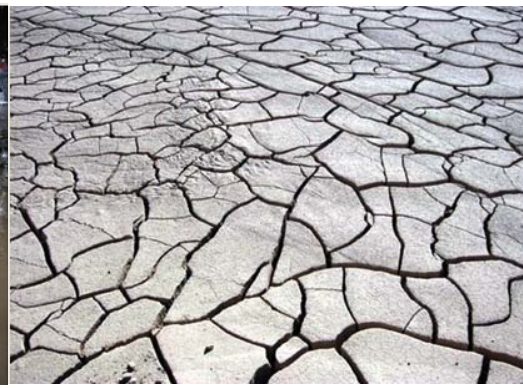


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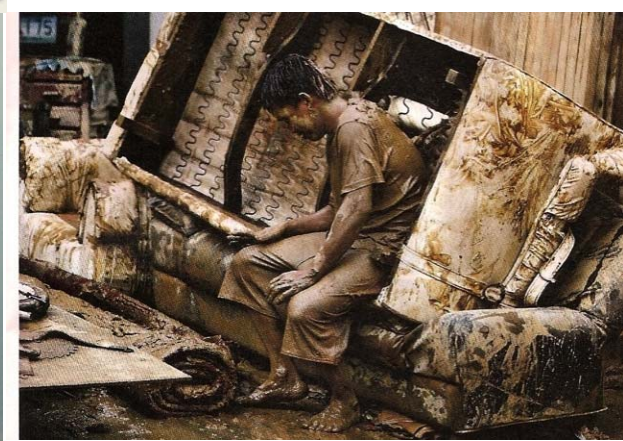
Place-Based Information Management for Economic Growth

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Norbert Lantschner, 2012



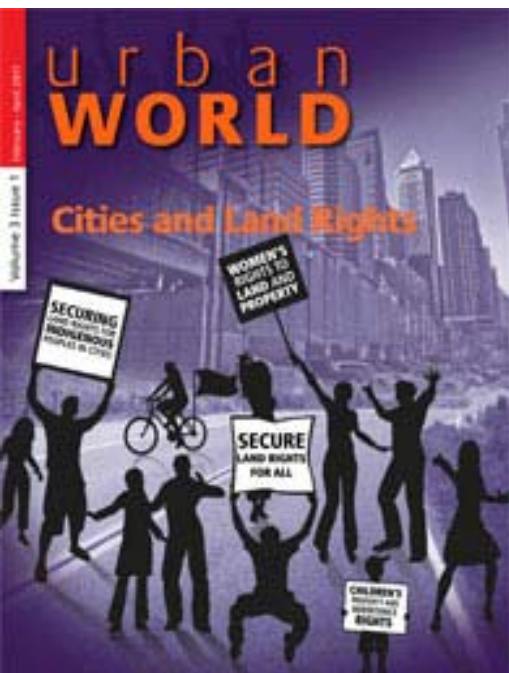
Time, 2009



Chaiwat Subprasom, Reuters (2011)

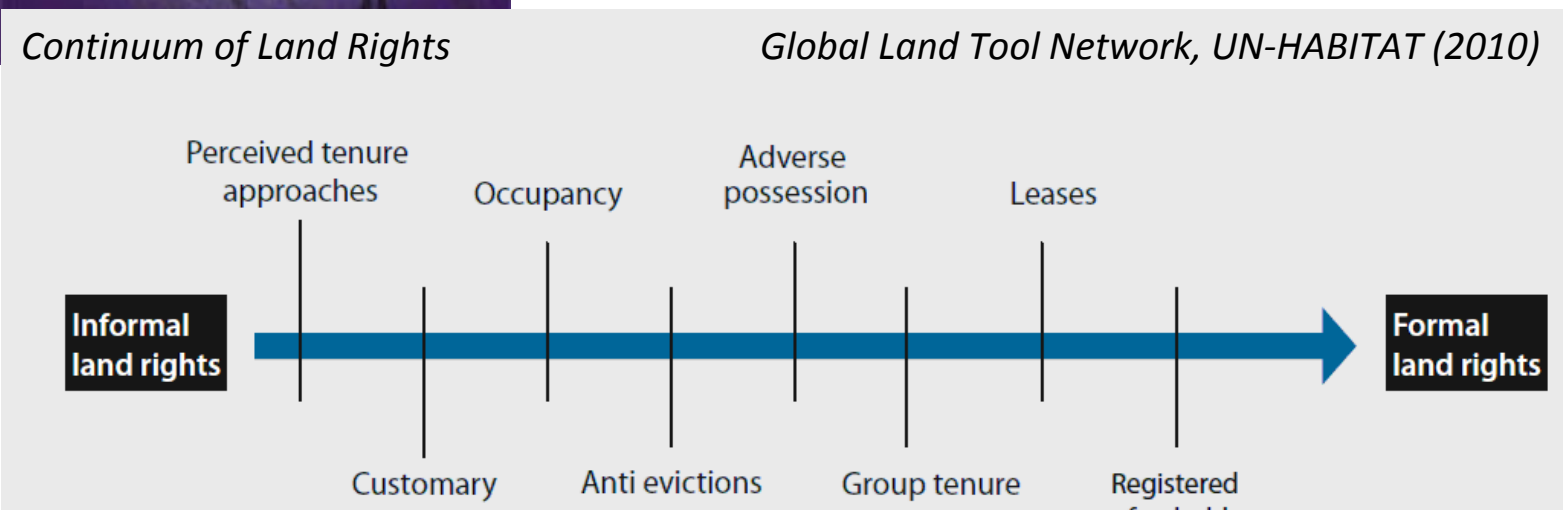


“climate change is becoming a risk multiplier for the poor and the vulnerable and a core development challenge for both developing and developed economies alike”



“Land is a scarce resource involving a wide range of rights and responsibilities. When poorly managed, it can become contentious often leading to disputes, conflict, degradation and other problems, all of them drivers of slum development and poverty in urban areas.”

(UN-Habitat)



The Social Tenure Domain Model
A Pro-Poor Land Tool
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include rights that are documented as well as undocumented, from individuals and groups, from pastoralist and informal settlers, that are legal as well as extra-legal and informal



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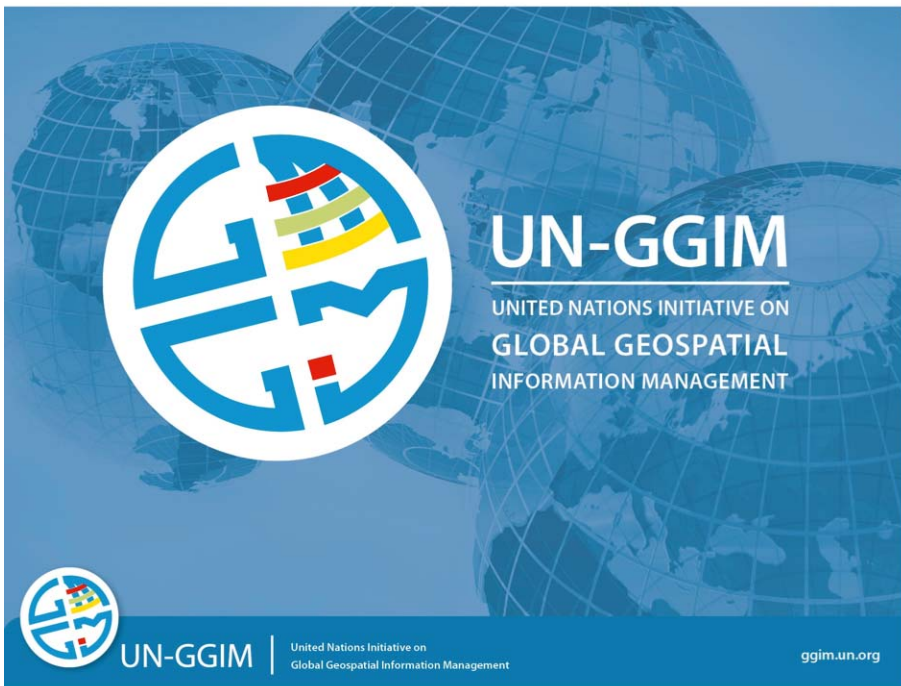


Preamble

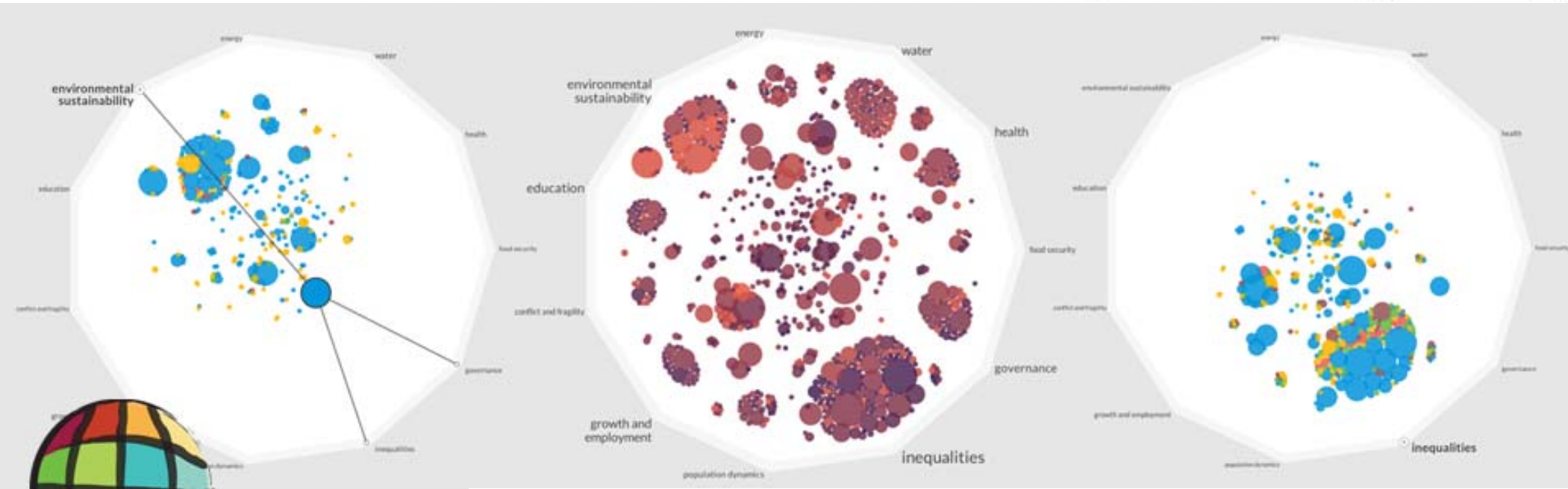
1. As leaders of the G8, we are committed to open economies, open societies and open governments as the basis of lasting growth and stability. We have today agreed concrete steps to play our part in ensuring a safe and prosperous world.
2. We met at a time of continued economic uncertainty. Our urgent priority is to promote growth and jobs, particularly for the young and long-term unemployed. We will continue to nurture the global recovery by supporting demand, securing our public finances and reforming our economies to deliver growth.
3. Our economies together make up around half of the global economy, and we have a responsibility to support prosperity worldwide. We agreed actions in three specific areas:

“Sound geospatial information is crucial for addressing the complex problems the world is facing today. These problems are global in nature and affect different regions, rural and urban areas alike, requiring coordinated efforts, more innovative and sophisticated approaches, as well as effective tools to ultimately guide our way to sustainable development”

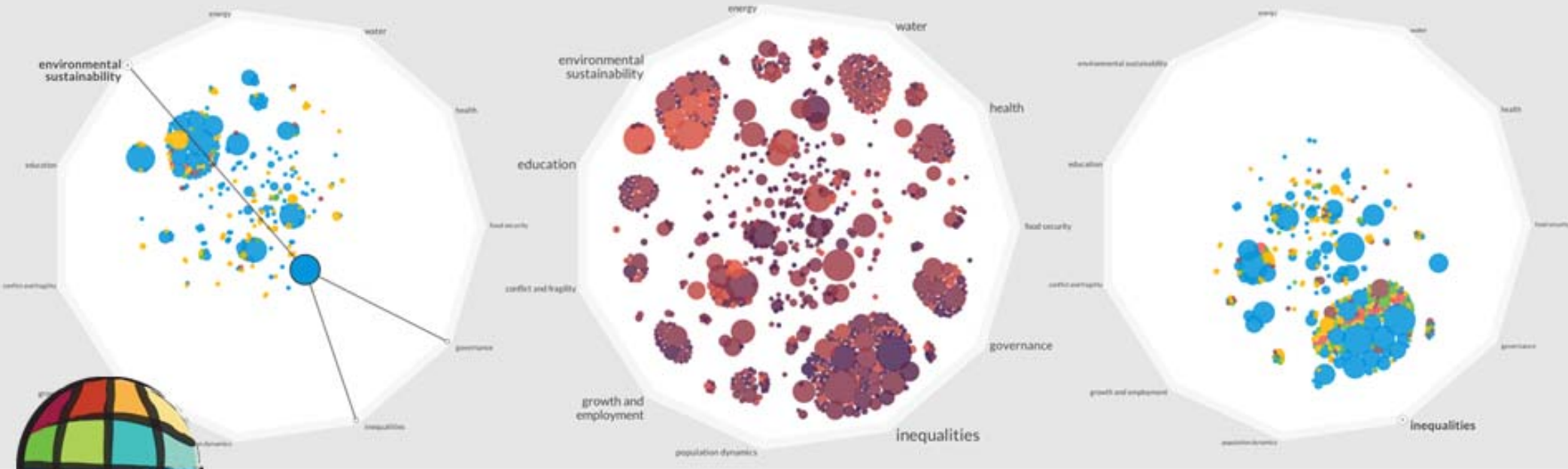
*Prof. Paul Cheung (UN Statistics Division
& GGIM Secretariat),
February 2012*



High-level Panel the Post-2015 Development Agenda

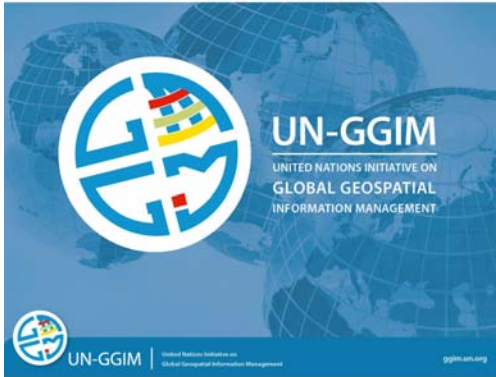


The High Level Panel Report is of the view that “business-as-usual is not an option. We concluded that the post-2015 agenda is a universal agenda. It needs to be driven by five big transformative shifts”



**THE
WORLD
WE WANT**

High-level Panel 
the Post-2015 Development Agenda



Question:
Will spatially enabling society be the key that unlocks the wealth of existing knowledge about social, environmental and economic matters leading to sustainable development? and
Will GGIM be the intergovernmental mechanism for the geography needed for The World We Want?

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Spatially enabled Government and Society, recognizing that all activities and events have a geographical and temporal context, make decisions and organize their affairs through the effective and efficient use of spatial data, information and services.

Spatial enablement, that is the ability to add location to almost all existing information, unlocks the wealth of existing knowledge about social, economic and environmental matters, and can play a vital role in understanding and addressing the many challenges that we face in an increasingly complex and interconnected world



UNRCC-PCGIAP Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Spatially Enabled Government and Society, 2012



"Engaging the Challenge; Enhancing the Relevance"

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 16th – 21st June 2014

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