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Guidelines for Publication
International Boundaries

Global Service Centre
Brindisi

Geospatial Information Services
Field Operations

Topographic maps
Data server
Satellite imagery analysis
GIS training

Peace Operations
Elections
Protection of Civilians
Security
Logistics
Human Rights
Geospatial Information Section

Security Council & Panel of Experts
Cartography and geospatial support

United Nations Secretariat
Deployments maps and thematic cartography

Committee of Experts GGIM
Co-Secretariat services with Statistics Division, DESA

Guidelines for the Publication of Maps
Administrative Instruction ST/AI/189/Add25/Rev1

Peace prevention and boundary delimitation
Technical support to boundary delimitation and demarcation
Goals

The Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB) initiative aims at compiling data on administrative boundaries and names from authoritative source such as the official National Geospatial Information Authorities.

In this context SALB objectives are:

i. compile authoritative GIS dataset worldwide for administrative boundaries and names for level 1 and 2, at 1million scale; and

ii. identify and maintain point of contacts of the National Geospatial Authorities on administrative boundaries and names.

iii. maintain an overview of historical changes of national administrative units;
Global Agenda

Provision of reliable geospatial information for risk and disasters

Rio + 20: The Future We Want

General Assembly, RES/66/288

...“Providing reliable geospatial information in support of comprehensive hazard and risk assessment and knowledge and information sharing
Global Agenda

Integration of statistics and geospatial data while ensuring national ownership

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

*General Assembly, RES/70/1*

...“increasing the availability of high quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by [...] geographic location”

...“promoting geospatial information while ensuring national ownership”

...“promoting a framework for disaggregated data to link between statistics and geographic location”
Global Agenda

Administrative boundaries are a priority core fundamental data theme

United Nations Committee of Expert on Global Geospatial Management

Item 5 - Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes

... “highlighted administrative boundaries as a priority “core global fundamental geospatial data theme”

... “noted the importance of the availability of seamless global administrative level boundary data for countries, and to continue to contribute to the SALB project”
Global Agenda

Promoting internationally the use of local names

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names (UNGEGN)

- promoting the recording of locally-used names reflecting the languages and traditions of a country for administrative names
- promoting the use of these names internationally and use of a single scientifically-based romanization system for administrative names
Statistical Atlas of Eurostat

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistical-atlas/gis/viewer
National and Sub-National Levels

The Disaster Risk Information Platform (DRIP) was created as an information hub where users are able to access relevant documents, studies, maps, research related to hazard, risk and vulnerability information specific to St. Catherine.
SALB

ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES

INTEGRATION WITH STATISTICS

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

RISK & DISASTERS

STANDARDS

GEODETIC FRAMEWORK

SDG MONITORING
How does SALB work?

ADVOCACY
UN Note Verbale to Permanent Missions

AUTHORITATIVE
Note Verbale refers to a national point of contact

STANDARDS
SALB Data Product Specification

CUSTODIAN
National Mapping Agency or Geospatial Agency POC

Web-dissemination via SALB website

National GIS data on administrative boundaries/names

Worldwide GIS standard data on administrative boundaries/names
...TOWARDS GLOBAL FRAMEWORK
- Easy-to-use standards
- Supports advocacy of our office through ministries (Note Verbale)
- Provision of reliable geographic information for the global agenda
- Allows through platform/initiative to disseminate geospatial information and be visible at international level
- Latest news

  - Data Product standard
  - Data holdings review & integration
  - Web-platform, to be salb.un.org
  - Participation of EuroGeographics to the initiative
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