

Seminar on Canadian and International Standards in Geographic Information / Geomatics

Tri-lateral seminar:
 (1) Canadian General Standards Board
 Committee on Geomatics and Canadian Advisory Committee to ISO/TC211,
 (2) Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, and
 (3) GeoConnections

Thursday, January 24, 2008, 8:30 – 16:30
 Room Sam Gamble Hall (Room 100)
 Natural Resources Canada
 615 Booth Street, Ottawa

Final agenda

Objectives: To report on existing Canadian and international standards in geographic information, to develop an understanding of their implementation and benefit for interoperability, to engage stakeholders into adopting them, to identify current and future needs, and to contribute in further development of standards for sustainable geographic data management in Canadian departments and for the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI).

Audience: Federal, territorial, provincial, academia, not-for-profit organization, and industry stakeholders that are concerned with acquisition, management, and dissemination of geographic information.

Format: Presentations, demonstrations, and a panel discussion.

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30 – 9:00	Registration (registration is free)	
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome note	Moderator: Jean Thie
9:15 – 10:15	Geographic information standards:	
	. Overview of international activities	Jean Brodeur
	. Overview of national activities	C. Douglas O'Brien
	. Overview of activities in the federal government	Marilou Rooke
	. Overview of activities in the CGDI	Peter Schut
10:15 – 10:45	Health break and networking	
10:45 – 12:00	North American Profile (NAP) – Metadata:	
	. Description	Jean Brodeur
	. Implementation at Earth Science Sector, NRCan	Sylvain Vallières
	. Implementation at Defence Research and Development Canada	François Létourneau and Réjean Lebrun
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 – 15:00	Thematic Standards:	
	. GeoBase specifications	Corina Vester
	. Standards for Public Safety and Security	Mike Power (C.D. O'Brien, P.Dawe)
	. Land cover classification	Ian Jarvis
	. Ontology	Jean Brodeur
15:00 – 15:15	Health break and networking	
15:15 – 16:00	Panel session:	Moderator: Jean Thie
	. Towards harmonization of geographic information standards activities between Canadian General Standards Board-Committee on Geomatics, Treasury Board Secretariat and GeoConnections	
	. Current and future requirements	
16:00 – 16:30	Close and networking	