

## **Event on "Space for Development: the case of GMES and Africa"**

## **Programme**

## 7 December 2007, Centro Cultural de Belém - Lisbon

## 8h30 Registration

## 9h00 Opening session: the Lisbon Declaration on GMES Africa

Portuguese EU Presidency – Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Mariano Gago

European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry – Director for Aerospace, Security, Defense and Equipment, Paul Weissenberg

European Space Agency – Director General, Jean-Jacques Dordain

Commission of the African Union – Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, Rosebud Kurwijila

## 10h00 Following the Lisbon Process: a long term partnership for GMES Africa

Chairmanship: Portuguese EU Presidency – President of the Foundation for Science

and Technology, João Sentieiro

Lluis Riera, Director for Development Policy - European Commission,

DG Development

Rapporteur: Pierre-Henri Pisani, Senior Research Fellow - European Space Policy

Institute

- Ministry of Transports and Communications Mozambique Permanent Secretary, José Albano Lourenço Júnior
- Commission of the African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, Bernard Zoba
- European Space Agency Director for Earth Observation Programmes, Volker Liebig
- ACP Secretariat Secretary-General, John Kaputin
- Indian Ocean Commission Secretary General, Monique Andreas Esoavelomandroso
- EUMETSAT Head of Strategy and International Cooperation Unit, Paul Counet
- Economic Commission of West African States Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water, Ousseini Salifou

## 11h15 Coffee Break

### 11h45 Round table: Users' expectations on GMES Africa

**Chairmanship:** Roland Schenkel, European Commission – Director General Joint Research Centre

Portugal - Director of the Portuguese Geographical Institute, Col.

Arménio Castanheira



Rapporteur: Peter Zeil, Salzburg University

- Tsehaie Woldai, President African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment
- Economic Commission for Africa Senior regional Advisor, UN-WATER Africa, Maxwell Donkor
- Commission Internationale du Bassin Congo-Oubangui-Sangha Secretary General, Benjamin N'dala
- Centre regional AGRHYMET Director General, Mohamed Yahya Ould
- IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre Focal Point to AMESD, Bwango Apuuli
- Center for Futures Studies, Cabinet's Information and Decision Support Center, Coordinating Disaster Management, Egypt – Deputy manager, Abeer F. Shakweer
- Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development Director General, Wilbur K. Ottchilo

#### 13h15 Lunch

#### 14h30 Round table: How to implement GMES Africa? The importance of coordination

Chairmanship: Paul Weissenberg, European Commission – DG Enterprise and Industry,

Director for Aerospace, Security, Defense and Equipment

Ahmadu Babagana, Commission of African Union - Director-General for

Agriculture

Rapporteur: Robert Lowson, Coordinator GMES Bureau - European Environment

Agency

- Tomaz Augusto Salomão, Executive Secretary Southern African Development Community
- European Space Agency Head of the GMES Space Office, Josef Aschbacher
- European Commission DG Development, Harry de Backer (tbc)
- African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Secretariat Department of Sustainable Economic Development, Olusona Ojo
- European Commission Joint Research Centre, Jean-Paul Malingreau
- EUMETSAT Head of Strategy and International Cooperation Unit, Paul Counet
- Royal Centre for Remote Sensing, Morocco Chief of Natural Resources and Environment Services, Director General, Driss El Hadani
- European Commission DG Environment, Hugo de Groof

#### 16h00 Coffee Break

#### 16h20 The context for GMES Africa in the International Agenda

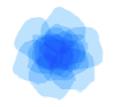
Chairmanship: José Achache, GEO Secretariat – Director

Mário Ruivo, Portuguese Committee for the Intergovernmental

Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

Rapporteur: Francesco Pisano, United Nations Institute for Training and Research -

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- Department of Science and Technology South Africa Director General, Philemon Mjwara
- United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs Senior Programme Officer,
  Space Applications Section, Hans J. Haubold
- IOC-UNESCO Secretariat of the Global Ocean Observing System in Africa Coordinator and Team Leader, Justin Ahanhanzo
- World Meteorological Organisation Secretariat Development Cooperation Department, Mary Power
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Chief of the Geoinformation Systems Section, Chukwudozie Ezigbalike
- Global Biodiversity Information Facility Executive Secretary, Nick King

## 17h20 Way forward in the implementation of the "Lisbon Process on GMES Africa"

- European Commission, DG Development Director General, Stefano Manservisi
- European Space Agency Head of the GMES Space Office, Josef Aschbacher Commission of the African Union – Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, Rosebud Kurwijila
- Representative from the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## 17h50 Closing Remarks

 Portuguese EU Presidency – Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Higher Education, Manuel Heitor

#### 18h00 Closing