

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

7 December 2007, Centro Cultural de Belém - Lisbon

Programme

8h30 Registration

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

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

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

European Space Agency – Jean-Jacques Dordain, Director General

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

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

Chairmanship: Portuguese EU Presidency – João Sentieiro, President of the Foundation

for Science and Technology

European Commission, DG Development - Lluis Riera, Director for

Development Policy

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

Fellow

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

11h15 Coffee Break



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

Chairmanship: European Commission – Jean-Paul Malingreau, Joint Research Centre

African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment - Tsehaie

Woldai, President

Rapporteur: Peter Zeil, Salzburg University

- Economic Commission for Africa Maxwell Donkor, Senior regional Advisor, UN-WATER Africa
- Commission Internationale du Bassin Congo-Oubangui-Sangha Benjamin N'dala, Secretary General
- Centre regional AGRHYMET Ould Mohamed Mahmoud, Director General
- IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre Bwango Apuuli, Focal Point to AMESD
- Center for Futures Studies, Cabinet's Information and Decision Support Center, Coordinating Disaster Management, Egypt – Abeer F. Shakweer, Deputy manager
- Botswana Meteorological Services Isaac Kusane, representative of the Director

13h15 Lunch

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

Chairmanship: European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry – Valère Moutarlier,

Head of the GMES Bureau

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

Agriculture

Rapporteur: European Environment Agency - Robert Lowson, Coordinator GMES

Bureau

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

16h00 Coffee Break

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

Chairmanship: GEO Secretariat – José Achache, Director



Portuguese Committee for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO – Mário Ruivo

Rapporteur: United Nations Institute for Training and Research, UNOSAT – Francesco Pisano, Head Institutional Affairs

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

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

- Organising Committee Virgínia Corrêa
- Portuguese Development Support Institute Manuel Correia, President
- European Space Agency Josef Aschbacher, Head of the GMES Space Office
- Commission of African Union Ahmadu Babagana, Director-General for Agriculture
- European Commission, DG Development Stefano Manservisi, Director General

17h50 Closing remarks

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

18h00 End of the conference