

International Working Group on Satellite based Emergency Mapping (IWG-SEM)

Minutes of the teleconference held on Wednesday, 05.09.2012, 14-14:35 UTC

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During the teleconference, following points were discussed. Each point contains short summary of what has been accomplished so far and the future action with deadline and actor involved.

1. Progress on communication tool

Summary: The JRC has explored the possibility to host the tool under the GDACS (www.gdacs.org). The communication module is implemented by DotNetNuke content management system. It was found to be sufficient for sharing the documents and having discussion forums.

Action: JRC will send the link to interested IWG-SEM members. For the moment, the login required. JRC will create the login credentials for each interested user so that they can access the website, get the basic feeling and provide comments.

Deadline: JRC will set up the login asap after receiving request for access from IWG-SEM member.

2. Next IWG-SEM meeting in Geneva

Summary: The next physical meeting will take places 15-16.10 in Geneva and will be hosted by GEO-GEOSS. The agenda is under preparation. The following items were highlighted to be included: lessons learnt from overlapping activations of International Charter and GIO-EMS, training on SMCS maintained by UNOSAT. Further items are under preparation. All participants are very welcome to provide the items they would like to include in the agenda.

Actions: JRC will prepare and send tentative agenda to IWG-SEM, so that they can prepare their travel plan. All participant are welcome to provide points to the agenda

Deadline : by 14.9.2012

3. Cooperation of emergency mapping mechanisms in the case of floods in Philippines and Niger

Summary: Recently the International Charter and GIO-EMS was activated for the floods in Philipinnes and for the floods in Niger. The activation flow for both activation was given to the TC participants. In the case of Philipppines, the GIO-EMS and Int. Charter managed to work in complementary manner while in the case of Niger flood the two mechanisms run in parallel. It was suggested that such situations should be further addressed.

Actions: This topic will be included on the agenda of the meeting in October.

4. Next teleconference

Summary: Next TC will be held on 4. 10. 2012 at **12 UTC (14:00 CEST)**, eg. **2 hours earlier!**

Actions: JRC will send reminder and agenda approx 1 weeks before TC. JRC will send 1 day before the TC the access numbers.