

Expression of interest

Technical visit, Symposium and Training on best practices for disaster emergency response – local-state-national level perspectives in United States

This programme is planned in partnership with Delta State University and Geospatial Information Technology Association (GITA).

Rationale:

UN-SPIDER conducted technical advisory mission to several countries and organised outreach and training programmes at international and regional level. One of the emerging needs, as realised through these programmes, is to expose disaster management officials of developing countries to the best practices, systems and mechanisms in a developed country. Delta State University and GITA have come forward to offer such programme in collaboration with UN-SPIDER.

Programme outline:

Time and duration: 27 July to August 7 2015 (2 weeks duration, exact dates to be decided).

The programme would include following components:

1. Symposium on the use of space-based technologies for international crisis response.
2. Overview of disaster response in the US – local-state-national level perspectives
3. Visit to Mississippi Emergency Management Agency to learn about infrastructure, systems, coordination mechanism, data resources and operational programmes
4. Short training in USA can be coupled up with this visit (for technical persons).
 - How to conduct a data discovery techniques (USHAHIDI and more)
 - Hands on remote sensing course about using satellite and other remote sensing data for crisis
 - Hands on GIS course about making maps for crisis and disaster
 - Short training may be designed to offer University Credit and certificate.

Participants:

The programme is designed to offer benefit to the countries that are engaged in working with UN-SPIDER and the regional support offices of the UN-SPIDER. Total number of participants = 50.

Support:

Delta State University is likely to offer local support (stay, food and free training).

Special Note on travel cost:

The member states and regional support offices are requested to secure funds for air tickets from their respective offices and donors. UN-SPIDER is looking for collaborators who are willing to support this event. If UN-SPIDER secures funds for travel support, it will be announced soon.

Registration

Registration for this programme will be opened in **April 2015**.

Prior to registration, a brief note of interest of expression to participate in this programme should be sent to Mr. Talbot Brooks (tbrooks@deltastate.edu), with CC to Ms Juanjuan Han (juanjuan.han@unoosa.org) before **20 February 2015**.