



**Acronym:** RECTAS  
**Full Name:** Regional Centre For training in Aerospace Surveys  
**Website:** [www.rectas.org](http://www.rectas.org)  
**Established:** 1972  
**Location:** Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria

**Areas of expertise:** Education and training programmes, master programme, research activities, support, consultancy and advisory services.

**Main Partners and collaborations:** International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), French Embassy in Nigeria, Federal Department of Agricultural Land Resources (FDALR), International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), University of Twente.

**Short Description:**

The Regional Centre for training in Aerospace Surveys was created in 1972 under the auspices of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) with a mandate for Training, Research, Consultancy and Advisory Services in Geo informatics. Participating countries at the moment are: Benin, Burkina, Cameroon, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal.

RECTAS aims to provide theoretical and practical training in the field of Geo Informatics, to conduct seminars and courses with a view to providing an opportunity to government officials in the region to exchange information and experiences in the field of Geo Informatics, to carry out studies and research in the field of Geo Informatics, and to provide advisory and consultancy services to member states of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and other institutions concerned with Geo Information.

**Main activities:**

RECTAS works at the following areas: Photogrammetric, Remote Sensing Applications and Cartography, including Geographic Information System (GIS) in keeping pace with the modern day technology. Apart from the training capabilities, these major disciplines have very much strengthened the consultancy services unit of RECTAS to carry out important and large projects involving mapping, monitoring and management of natural resources and the environment, through the expertise of the professional staff and "hi-tech" facilities available at the Centre.

The Centre offers long and short term courses in English and French. The long term courses are conducted at three levels of Technician, Technologist and Post-graduate courses with specializations in: Photogrammetric and Remote Sensing, Geographic Information Systems and Cartography. In addition, RECTAS and its technical partners, especially the ITC, have finalised running of joint Masters (M.Sc. degree) programmes in Geo Informatics giving a very good example of north-south cooperation.

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