

Session #15 - Room A.E.028, alte Bibliothek	1 June 2016 – 16:15-18:30
Regional dimension for GEO and capacity building priorities	
Moderator:	Dr Haris Kontoes
Format	Presentations (part 1) – Round Table Panel Discussion (part 2)
Objectives	
<p>In recent years, EO (space/in-situ/airborne/ground) data providers around the world have made significant progress in pooling capacities. However, despite the emergence of a number of programmes and initiatives - notably GEO and Copernicus - operating on different scales (i.e. national, regional and global) the EO landscape is still considerably fragmented. Companies (notably SMEs) and institutions which could use the data to produce new geo-information services are often either unaware of data sources, unable to exploit them, or both. This makes it difficult for potential end-users to benefit from the data, via operational, user-friendly and sustained user-relevant geo-information services relying on it.</p> <p>Drawing on previous consultations and projects, this session will address issues related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools and methodologies for the effective and sustainable exploitation of complementary EO resources and expertise; • Ways to overcome the challenge of engaging service and user communities in the region (public authorities, research institutions, and private sector) 	
Time	Talk
Part 1: Operational EO value-added chains: from data sources to end-users	
Chair: Dr Haris Kontoes, Research Director of NOA, GEO-CRADLE Project Director	
16.15-16.30	GEO-CRADLE: Fostering regional cooperation and roadmap for GEO and Copernicus implementation Dr Haris Kontoes, Research Director of NOA, GEO-CRADLE Project Director
16.30 -16.45	Mapping terrestrial and maritime habitats in Abu Dhabi; extension to the whole UAE territory Dr Ana Sebastian Lopez, Senior Project Manager-Pay Load Data Processing and Applications Business Unit, GMV
16.45 -17.00	The role of CRTS in promoting sustainable EO science, programs and services at national and regional level Ms Amal Layachi, Head of department, Centre Royal de Télédétection Spatiale, Morocco

17.00-17.15	Building the GMES & AFRICA stakeholder community: achievements & challenges Dr Peter Zeil, Senior Project Manager, Spatial Services Ltd., Salzburg
17.15-17.30	Q&A, ALL
Part 2: Capacity building: success stories and initiatives in regions - building regional cooperation	
17.30-18.15	Round Table Panel Discussion
Moderator:	Lefteris Mamais, GEO-CRADLE Technical and Quality Assurance Manager
Panelists:	
Dr Giovanni Rum	GEO Work Programme Coordinator and AfriGEOSS Support
Mr Igor Milosavljevic	Senior Business Development Manager, InoSens, BalkanGEONet
Dr Ivette Serral	Technical coordination and Project Manager, ConnectinGEO
Dr Uta Wehn	Assoc. Prof of Water Innovation Studies and AfriAlliance Project Director, UNESCO-IHE
18.15-18.30	Q&A