

## REPORT

### **GEOINFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (GI4DEV): BRIDGING THE DIVIDE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS**

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The event is hosted and organised by Z\_GIS (Centre for Geoinformatics, Salzburg University) and sponsored by the African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment (AARSE), GTZ, UNOOSA and UNU-EHS. gi4dev is one thematic focus of the annual AGIT Symposium ([www.agit.at/en](http://www.agit.at/en)).

**Conference scope:** Development topics are emerging more and more in daily discussions. Affected by natural disasters and the consequences of global change, economic development and human security issues, actors require explicit spatial information for improved decision making. The geoinformation community is aware of these potentials and application fields. However, there are still many obstacles in the way of successful implementation. The lacking awareness about GI applications, inadequate human resources or missing institutional provisions all hamper improvements. gi4dev addressed these topics by means of an open discussion forum. Keynotes prepared the ground from where discussions started. Contrary to classic conference scenarios, this event focused on result-oriented discussions by using moderation methodologies. Conclusions and recommendations were evaluated in a final panel discussion.