



Are international university networks and knowledge centers succeeding in building lasting capacity, both within and outside the networks and centers?

GROUP B



1. What is the role of universities in DRM? Is research and training their only responsibility

- Roles goes beyond education and teaching only
- Disseminating of knowledge supported by research
- Strengthen Centers by iuntegrating eductaion to research
- University generates knowledge on DRM.
- Disseminating knowledge in other level of society
- Gap between acadamia and practice Need for collaboration to see how research can be more implemented to bridge the gap
- Building and recognizing contemporray new chanllenges
- Not only on Research and training but also universities have to provide community and Public Services (ex. internet access to communities)
- Create Network only not with universities but with companies and research Centres
- Collaboration with NGOs (planning laboratory to establish connection with Society)
- Universities mandate are different in the third world (more broad activities and in the Dev. World (more specialised)



Conclusion: Enolve other partners in the process (Research Centers, Centre of Excellence, Regional Centres, Institution of High learning, etc. Community service need to be addressed specially in DRM

Establish platform for knowledge generation and sharing, Platform of Dialogue.

Sustainability of Networks need to be addressed (network of trust)

What are the added value of being part of networks (convience on the benefit of being part of networks

funding and support to strengthen networks to make them more sustainability And the personnal commitment need to be considered



2. Do Universities themselves see the need for forming networks? What would be the main objectives of these networks?

Yes network is necessary

- Need to identify weaknesses of strong aspcets universities (mapping) in order to team and be more stronger. Weaknesses can be minimise by joining networks Networks help to build connection and partnership
- Networks help Universities to access funding ans scholarship (students) and get you out of your isolation
- Networking is a continuous learning experience and the advantages are numerous
- Network is a survival matter in the developping world



3. How has increased reliance on university networks impacted geoinformatics Capacity Building. Are we reaching more people, and at the same high quality standards?

- Lot of technologies produced in universities but how to use this technology are we good on translating that technology or are we lacking?
- In some countries (ex. China) people have not integrate in their daily life Don't know how to make maps, no equipment. A lot to do in dissemination of GI in many countries.
- GI is a usefull thing ex. GI used in tsunamis studies in Asia (education material, risk and hazard mapping on tsunamis, games, intercative talks, etc.)
- GI illustrative tools to convience decision makers to take actions.
- In ASEAN, GI have been quiet usefull and is a daily life need. But in some countries many students need to be updated on GI.
- There is a need to agree on GI terminologies between disciplines and actors (NGOs, etc.).
- Formulate action research and learn by doing in order to speak the same langage.



4. Is there actual network growing and strengthening? If no, how can we better forster such growth?

- The more important is to establish a TRUST NETWORK and ITC is playing a key role on that worldwide.
- Communication is important in order to maintain the network alive (internet access is key medium)

6. Is it better to have more regional networks and knowledge centers, or fewer, but stronger, centers of excellence?

- Existing networks need to be strengthened
- Proper mix of governmental and nongovernmental commitment in centre of excellence (share responsibilities and ressources)
- In developing world; the total number of scientists are too few to create center of excellence, hence multiple networks necessary for research (in DRR qnd other fields) to flourish
- Identify centre specialised in certain disaster risks and streghthen them, prioritise to focus more

Thank You