TIGER Capacity Building Facility II

TIGER Workshop 2011

In 2002, responding to the urgent need for action in Africa expressed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), the European Space Agency (ESA), within the context of the Committee of Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS), launched the TIGER initiative. The overall scope is to assist African countries to overcome problems faced in the collection, analysis and use of water related geo-information by exploiting the advantages of Earth Observation (EO) technology. A special part of the initiative is the TIGER Capacity Building Facility (TCBF), which organizes the capacity building actions.

After the completion of the first phase of TIGER in 2007, based on its success, a second phase was launched. The initiative has evolved thanks to the support of different African and international partners (e.g., AMCOW, AfDB, CSA, CSIR, DWAF-South Africa, UNESCO, UN-ECA among others).

The second phase of the TCBF is to be completed in 2012. The results achieved so far will put the basis for the next steps towards the accomplishment of the main goal of this challenging initiative. In this context, the TIGER Steering Committee is glad to invite you to the TIGER Workshop 2011. The main objective of the workshop is to review the results of the different TIGER projects so far, identifying the main strengths and weaknesses of the initiative and prepare the basis for follow-up actions.

Organizer: TIGER Capacity Building Facility / Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation, University of Twente (ITC)

Local Organizer: Water Research Commission (WRC), South African National Space Agency (SANSA) and Department of Water Affairs (DWA)

Date: 12-13 December 2011

Venue: Glenburn Lodge
Kromdraai Road, Swartkops, Muldersdrift, 1747, South Africa
www.glenburn.co.za.

Scopes and Objectives:
The TIGER Workshop 2011 aims at highlighting the status of the initiative almost 3 years after the beginning of its second phase. It will be organised around invited speeches and selected contributions presented by the on-going TIGER-2 projects. The event will offer an opportunity to:
- Analyse the potential use of EO technology in the African water sector from high level contributions from key African stakeholders,
- Review the latest findings and results from the TIGER activities and its projects,
- Discuss on the next steps and future evolution of the initiative.
Participants:
This forum is open to African and international participants.

All institutions involved in the execution of the TIGER Capacity Building Facility will be present:
- Principal Investigators and selected staff members of the TIGER Projects;
- Principal Investigators and selected staff members of the Regional Offices;
- Representatives of the TIGER Capacity Building Consortium member institutions.

Preliminary Programme:
12 December 2011:
   Invited presentations by donors, stakeholders.
   Presentations by TIGER projects
13 December 2011:
   Presentations by TIGER projects
   Round table discussion about the results and the opportunities.

Language:
The language of the training course is English.

Accommodation, board:
A list of suggested hotels are published on the Workshop Web Site: http://......................
Transportation will be provided between the hotels and the venue of the event.

Registration:
Fill in the enclosed registration form (in MS Word format) and send it as an attachment to an e-mail to:
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