



Panel Discussion

Adapting EuroGEOSS to African Applications

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Priority Issues and Societal Needs

Poverty alleviation in context of increased competition for land, population increase and climatic change





Cross domain collaboration

Increasingly necessary as land performs multiple functions, including role as part of ecosystem services

Increased information complexity – multi scale, multi use, multi stakeholders





GIS and SDI Improvements

Easy, reliable tools for applying complex technology
Driven by needs of regional and national institutions
Strengthen the fundamental IT backbone of SDI
Ways to “unlock” existing repositories
“Repatriation” of data





Recommendations for EuroGEOSS

Reinforce links between thematic domains

**Address issues raised by major policy initiatives (e.g. in
Forestry – REDD+, FLEGT) – link to OFAC**

Possible case study – biodiversity and droughts

**Practical solutions to networking / data exchange
(eStation example)**





The “BIOPAMA” Project

**Improve management of Protected Areas in ACP by better use of scientific data, focusing on capacity building
European Development Fund, 4 years, 15m euro**

