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THE *GUIDELINES OF BEST PRACTICES FOR THE ACQUISITION, STORAGE,  
MAINTENANCE AND DISSEMINATION OF FUNDAMENTAL GEO-SPATIAL  
DATASETS***

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The current focus of the Mapping Africa for Africa (MAfA) initiative is on the availability of and accessibility to the fundamental geo-spatial datasets. A guidelines of best practice, as a resource tool, is being developed for practitioners in African countries, usually in, but not restricted to, national mapping organisations, whom are responsible for the acquisition, storage, maintenance and dissemination of fundamental geo-spatial datasets. This document may also be used by any other person or organisation, not restricted to Africa.

The purpose of the guidelines is to provide a practical, 'hands-on' guide for the acquisition, storage, maintenance and dissemination of fundamental geo-spatial datasets. It is essential that it must be pitched at the implementation level. The guidelines will be based on what can be regarded as best practice, but may include alternatives, particularly where differing circumstances may require a different method or approach. This guidelines is not a theoretical text and it is assumed that the reader has sufficient theoretical knowledge. Where deemed appropriate some theory may be included to provide a context, but preferably in an annexure.

The outline and specifications of the guidelines have been prepared and the next stage is to provide the content. The guidelines cover a range of topics and could well require various contributors. For this purpose a call is being issued to any person, group of persons, universities, public organisations and private companies to express their interest in contributing content to this document. As this document is for the public interest with no commercial gain it is hoped that contributors will make content available or write content either without charge or at a nominal charge.

Should you be interested in contributing content for this document then please complete the attached form and return it as soon as possible to:

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The outline of content and specifications for the Guideline can be requested from the same e-mail address.

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I/we wish to express an interest in contributing content, in accordance with the Specifications, to the *Guidelines of Best Practices for the Acquisition, Storage, Maintenance and Dissemination of Fundamental Geo-Spatial Datasets*, which is a resource project of the Mapping Africa for Africa initiative.

My/our contribution can be as indicated in the table below (Ch 4 – Ch 36) (please mark where appropriate):

(For details of chapters and sections please refer to document *Outline of Contents of Guidelines of Best Practice for the Acquisition, Storage, Maintenance and Dissemination of Fundamental Geo-Spatial Datasets*)

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