

CRITERIA FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CORE SPATIAL DATASETS AND DATA CUSTODIANS FOR THE COMMITTEE ON SPATIAL INFORMATION

INTERNET SURVEY

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Dear Geo-Information Community Member

The Data Sub-committee of the Committee for Spatial Information (CSI) and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) has commissioned AfricaScope to undertake a study to define the criteria for identifying core spatial datasets and data custodians in South Africa as well as to identify the core spatial datasets and who the data custodians should be.

AfricaScope in partnership with EIS-AFRICA is conducting the study. Interviews of key stakeholders identified by the project steering committee are being conducted in selected national and provincial government departments, parastatals and metropolitan councils. An Internet based survey is also being used to enable Geo-Information Community Members in other national and provincial government departments, metropolitan councils and local authorities, parastatals, the private sectors and other individuals to participate in the study.

The URL below will take you to the Internet survey. A number of questions on criteria as well as the identification of core spatial datasets and data custodians have been incorporated into this questionnaire. We would appreciate it if you would fill in the questionnaire and if you are completing the questionnaire on behalf of your organization that you would consult with relevant colleagues about the questions.

<http://survey.des.ucdavis.edu/eplab/index.php?sid=59339&newtest=Y&lang=en>

Your opinion is important to this study as we need to obtain reliable, user-oriented information. We therefore request that you answer the questions in the Internet survey as candidly and comprehensively as possible. We would also ask that you inform other departments and organizations about the study so that they will also have an opportunity to complete the questionnaire.

The study is being done under tight timelines. We would therefore ask that you complete the Internet survey by the 12 March at the latest.

Yours sincerely



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