

25 Years of SDI and Federated GIS Implementation Lessons Learned in the Middle East and Beyond

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SUMMARY

Geospatial information infrastructure building efforts around the world range from formalized SDI programs driven from the highest levels of government, to more grass-roots and informal federations of organizations who just need to get their job done and have realized they can benefit by coordination with others. The use of GIS in general, and various forms of SDI and federated GIS in particular throughout the Middle East region has accelerated in the last several years. Underlying these changes and worldwide adoption has been a series of principles and concepts that seem to repeat themselves, regardless of time, place, culture or situation. This presentation draws upon 25 year of experience in GIS implementation in the Middle East and other parts of the world, and provides an overview of the technology implementation lessons learned, and ideas for managing continued change into the future.

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