



The International Cartographic Association and its activities supporting information and technology transfer

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International Cartographic Association



International Cartographic Association

- ▶ ICA
 - The world authoritative body for cartography, the discipline dealing with the conception, production, dissemination and study of maps.
- ▶ ICA Mission
 - To promote the discipline and profession of cartography in an international context.



Beginnings



<http://www.imhof.ch/eduardimhof.html>

- ▶ Founded June 9, 1959, in Bern, Switzerland.
- ▶ Preparatory conferences 1956-1959
 - Foundation discussed
- ▶ 1961 – First General Assembly (1), Paris
- ▶ First President Edvard Imhof, Switzerland (1961 – 1964)
- ▶ 1962 – First conference
 - Frankfurt am Main




Now: An International Organisation




International Cartographic Association

- ▶ Aims
 - Understand and solve world-wide problems using cartography;
 - International dissemination of environmental, economic, social and spatial information through mapping;
 - Global forum on role and status of cartography;
 - Transfer of new cartographic technology and knowledge between nations, especially to the developing nations;
 - Multi-national cartographic research;
 - Enhance cartographic education;
 - Promote professional and technical standards.



International Cartographic Association

- ▶ Works with
 - National and international governmental and commercial bodies and with other international scientific societies to achieve its aims.



Executive

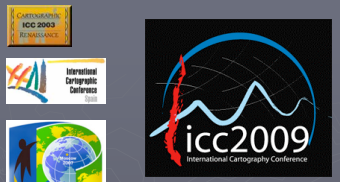


- ▶ Australia - President William Cartwright
- ▶ Austria - Vice President Georg Gartner
- ▶ Chile - Vice President Pablo Graf
- ▶ China - Vice President Zhilin Li
- ▶ Czech Republic - Immediate past-President Milan Konecny
- ▶ France - Vice President Anne Suss
- ▶ South Africa - Vice President Derek Clarke
- ▶ The Netherlands - Vice President Marjo-Jan Krook
- ▶ United Kingdom - Secretary General & Treasurer David Fairbairn
- ▶ United States of America - Vice President Tim Trainor



Activities

- ▶ General Assembly
- ▶ Conferences
- ▶ Commissions and Working Groups
- ▶ Publications
- ▶ Links with sister societies
- ▶ Outreach
- ▶ Fostering and supporting research

International Cartographic Conference
Santiago, Chile
November 2009

Mapping Africa for Africa



African Members of ICA

- ▶ Algeria
- ▶ Benin
- ▶ Botswana
- ▶ Cameroon
- ▶ Ghana
- ▶ Guinea
- ▶ Kenya
- ▶ Madagascar
- ▶ Mozambique
- ▶ Morocco
- ▶ Nigeria
- ▶ South Africa
- ▶ Sudan
- ▶ Tanzania
- ▶ Tunisia



Mapping Africa for Africa

- ▶ Further the objectives of the Durban Statement on Mapping Africa for Africa.
- ▶ Liaise with the Committee on Development Information, Science and Technology (Geo-information sub-committee) of the UN Economic Commission for Africa relating to Mapping Africa for Africa initiatives and projects.
- ▶ Bring together experts in fields relevant to ICA to provide a voluntary advisory service to Mapping Africa for Africa initiatives and projects.
- ▶ Promote Mapping Africa for Africa initiatives and projects at the international and regional level, including the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

Mapping Africa for Africa

- ▶ WG contributed to:
 - CODI-Geo WG on Fundamental Geo-spatial Datasets
 - ▶ "Determination of the Fundamental Geo-spatial Datasets for Africa"
 - ▶ www.uneca.org/istd/geoinfo/Geoinformation_socio_Economic_Dev-en.pdf
 - Inventory of Available Fundamental Geo-spatial Datasets in Africa and the Country Gap Analysis.

MAFA Members

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| Derek Clarke (Chair), South Africa | |
| Pablo Gran, Chile – ICA Executive Liaison | |
| Bengt Rysledt, Sweden | Richie Muheya, Malawi |
| Paul Shaw, Scotland | Fraser Taylor, Canada |
| Malanding Jaiteh, USA | Diallo Ngagne, Senegal |
| Jide Kufonyi, Nigeria | Mpinane Ntaote, South Africa |
| Olusegun Adeaga, Nigeria | Heinz Ruther, South Africa |
| Adewale Bhadmus, Nigeria | Collins Fosu, Ghana |
| Craig von Hagen, Kenya | Bernard Muhwezi, Uganda |
| Alexander Lobra, Tanzania | Béla Pokoly, Hungary |
| Menno-Jan Kraak, The Netherlands | |



The Role of ICA in MAFA

- ▶ Ideas and advice
- ▶ Support Capacity Building
- ▶ Organise Commission meetings and seminars, regionally and nationally.
- ▶ Provide scientific, educational and professional contacts
- ▶ Knowledge sharing from the ICA's Research Agenda



Thank you

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