
MEDIA RELEASE

ConsultingWhere wins NSDI Contract with Statens Kartverk (the Norwegian Mapping Authority) for IGIF support to Developing Countries.

ConsultingWhere Ltd. is pleased to announce that it has secured a contract with Statens Kartverk, through a competitive tendering process, to provide support in the development of long-term implementation plans for National Spatial Data Infrastructures (NSDI) to four of their cooperation partners. The objective is to accelerate NSDI development in Georgia, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, and Ukraine using the jointly developed and newly approved, United Nations and World Bank Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF). The project will be delivered remotely by the ConsultingWhere team working with cooperation partners and local consultants over the remainder of 2021.

Kåre Kyrkjeeide, Director of International services at Statens Kartverk commented "We look forward to a successful collaboration with ConsultingWhere that will be of great importance for the institutions/countries involved and in addition contribute to the implementation and further development of IGIF."

Andrew Coote, Chief Executive of ConsultingWhere, added "as the world emerges from the COVID pandemic, there is a great opportunity to help countries realise significant socio-economic benefits by integrating national geospatial information into digital transformation, land reform, disaster risk management and other national strategic policies and priorities."

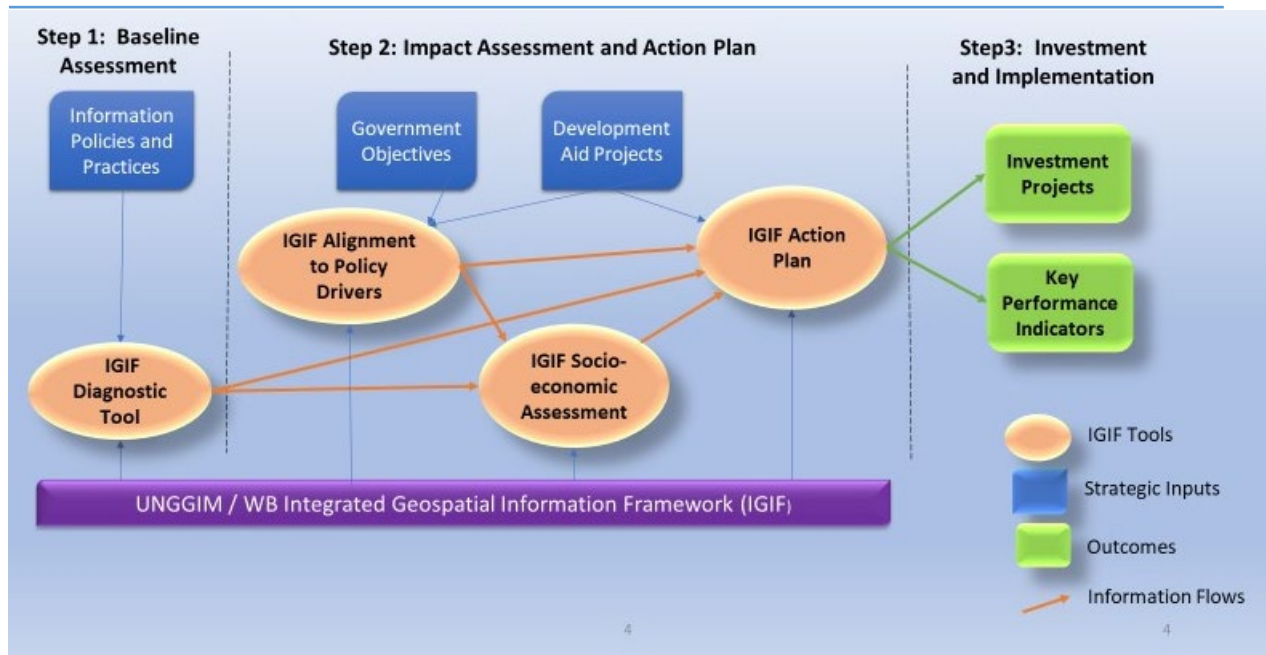
About Statens Kartverk: is Norway's national mapping agency, dealing with land surveying, geodesy, hydrographic surveying, cadastre and cartography. It works in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support many developing countries.

About ConsultingWhere: the company was established in 2008 to fill a gap in the market for independent authoritative and strategic advice to organisations in public and private sector wanting to make best use of geospatial (location-referenced) information. ConsultingWhere has delivered successful assignments throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, East Asia, Caribbean, and Australasia for many national and local government and large commercial sectors customers.

About the Implementation Methodology

The IGIF is intended to take the concept of a National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) beyond a focus on technology and data by considering governance, policy, financial, innovation, human capacity, and communications perspectives. The graphic below illustrates the methodology used by the World Bank to operationalise and implement the IGIF.

The symbology shows the analytical tools (in orange), key inputs (in blue), important information flows (arrows) and outcomes (in green).



Summarizing, this methodology is applied as follows:

Step 1: Baseline Assessment

A single integrated tool is used for this purpose:

Analytical Tool 1 - Current State Diagnostic: this provides an assessment of the current state of geospatial information and spatial infrastructure in the country. A Baseline report is produced to summarise the results.

Step 2: Impact Assessment and Action Plan

Three tools are used to build a prioritized, cost-justified roadmap for the SDI:

Analytical Tool 2.1 – Strategic Alignment to Government Policy

Drivers: this tool is used to relate Government’s strategic objectives and international commitments to specific geospatial use cases and prioritize them based on how they support and accelerate achieving these objectives.

Analytical Tool 2.2 - NSDI Socio-economic Impact Assessment: this tool delivers an assessment of the business case (justification) for investment in SDI from both qualitative and quantitative perspectives.

Analytical Tool 2.3 - Country Action Plan: builds on the previous deliverables to create a costed roadmap for SDI enhancements, presented as a series of interdependent policy interventions and implementation projects.

Step 3: Investment and Implementation

Once the Action Plan is approved in terms of scope and priorities, then work will commence to identify sources of funding and create a sustainable business model for the SDI with Key Performance Indicators.