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Leveraging on the Crowdsourcing Mapping Community (VTCs) for the Benefit of the End Users

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The UN-SPIDER Programme


- UN-SPIDER Team
- Network of Regional Support Offices (RSOs) (10 + 5)
- National Focal Points (45)



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Network of Regional Support Offices


"Ensure that all countries and international and regional organizations have access to and develop the capacity to use all types of space-based information to support the full disaster management cycle."





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Technical Advisory Support (2010-2011)








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Take advantage of the crowd

“There is a need to take advantage of the crowd, the internet and the increasing volume of data being made available”

IN FOCUS

-  UN-SPIDER supports the Russian Federation's...
-  Famine in the Horn of East Africa UN-SPIDER...
-  Crowdsourcing Mapping for Preparedness and...


UN-SPIDER successfully conducted an International Expert Meeting on “Crowdsourcing Mapping for...”
From 5 to 6 July 2011 UN-SPIDER successfully conducted an international Expert Meeting on “...
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Ensuring the end-users benefit

“The only tools and information you will use and trust in a crisis are the ones you have been using already”



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UN-SPIDER and the Crowdsourcing Mapping Community

- **No new working groups**; work through existing ones such as the COIs (Data Licensing; Preparedness and Prioritization; Data Scramble; Decision Makers Needs)
- **Ensure data made available reaches the UN-SPIDER RSOs and the End Users.** Contribute to setting up mechanisms leading to a wider access to satellite imagery by the VTCs.
- **Involve the VTCs in the Technical Advisory Missions**
- **Crowdsourcing Mapping vis-à-vis Crisis Mapping**
- **Meeting the UN-SPIDER RSOs February 2012**

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