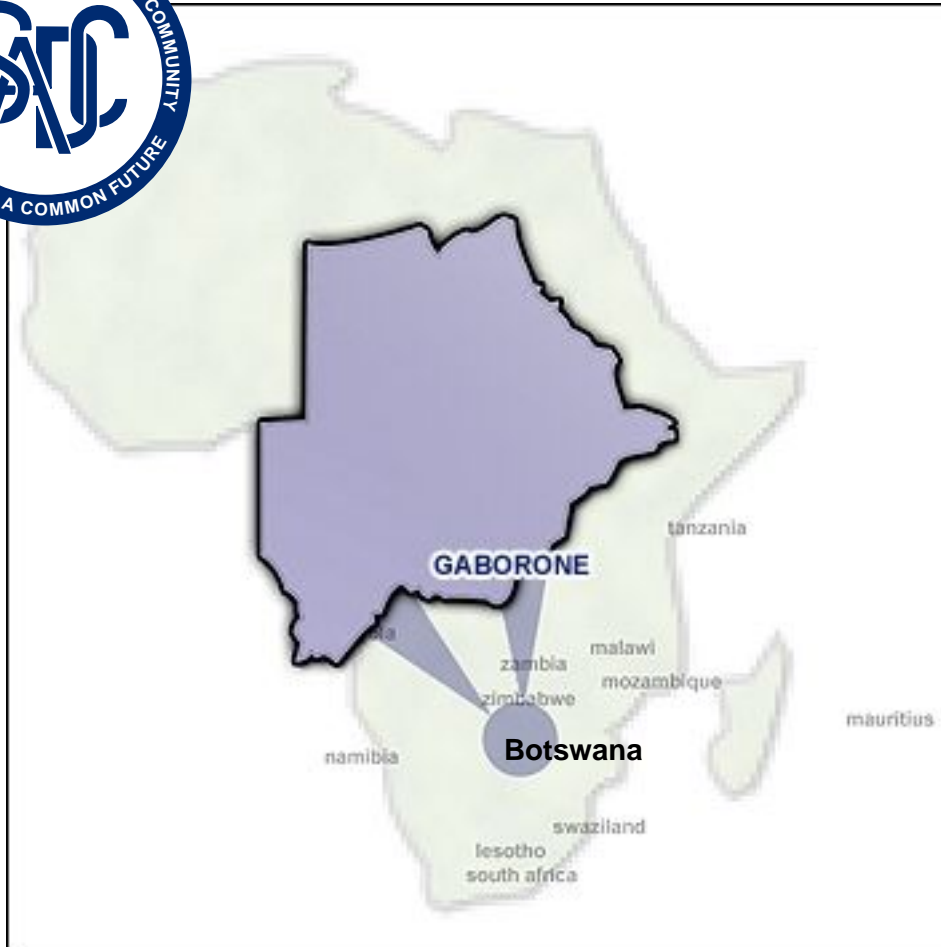


# CESPAM Executive Training Programme



## APPLYING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS TO SADC DEVELOPMENT

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### **Programme Rationale**

CESPAM's initiative for capacity-building in e-Government is intended to support the objectives and targets under the area of ICT Intervention expounded in SADC's Regional Indicative Strategic and Development Plan (RISDP).

Further, the SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Programme makes explicit references to:

- skills development at individual and institutional levels
- strengthening government capacity for policy and regulatory frameworks (for ICT and for e-Government)
- environment and sustainable development as a priority cross-sectoral area

SADC Member States have committed themselves to integrated and sustainable development and the Region has endeavoured to put in place mechanisms for the implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, amongst which are a number of UN Conventions. In addition, the attainment of environmental sustainability is a Millennium Development Goal to which SADC States are committed. The programme will focus on the application of GIS to environment and water resources issues to reflect SADC's priorities in these areas.

While some progress has been made in environmental management, the Region continues to experience high levels of land degradation, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, pollution, inadequate access to clean water and sanitation services and poor urban conditions. These factors are linked to the high and rising levels of poverty in the Region, whereby the poor are both victims and agents of environmental degradation. These environmental challenges undermine the sustainability of the socio-economic development of the Region.

A key aspect of environment and sustainable development is the issue of water-resource management and the RISDP makes explicit reference to enhancing the knowledge-base on water resources through improved information management, including water data-banks and planning networks as a SADC objective for 2007.

### **Seminar Objectives**

This intensive management-development programme is intended to assist delegates in:

- understanding the potential of Geographic Information Systems in the development process, as well as in e-Government services
- reviewing regional developments and SADC targets in this area
- reviewing international case studies
- proposing national and SADC actions in support of models of good practice and intra-regional information-exchange understanding the potential role for private-sector partnerships in this area
- exploring the use of GIS in the water resources and environmental sectors

### **Seminar Methodology**

This is an interactive seminar, which will provide participants with opportunities to freely exchange ideas, knowledge and experience with each other and the resource persons facilitating this seminar. This will be achieved through the use of discussion groups and case studies. The seminar will be practical and will maintain a balance of lectures, discussions and case studies.

## The Organisers

The seminar represents a collaborative effort between the Centre of Specialisation in Public Administration and Management (CESPAM) and the Commonwealth Network of IT for Development (COMNET-IT), who together are engaged in a partnership for the development of materials and training for e-Government.

## Participant Profile

The seminar is intended for:

- senior managers in public service, state corporations and agencies
- senior managers in local government agencies
- policy-makers and senior management from agriculture, environment, water, urban planning and other sectors
- sub-regional management and professional associations
- senior management from IT-delivery agencies with an interest in GIS

## Venue and Practical Information

The seminar is being held in Gaborone at the Botswana National Productivity Centre (BNPC).

Participants are advised to make reservations directly with the hotel or lodge of their choice. The following hotels are within walking distance of the BNPC.

Syringa Hotel Telephone: +267 3190600 Fax: +267 3190660 at the discounted rate of P570.00 (approximately US\$120.00 standard room, this hotel is adjacent to the BNPC or the Gaborone Sun Hotel Telephone: + 267 3951111 Fax: +267 3902555 at the Discounted rate of P761.00 (approximately US\$160.00 for a standard room with breakfast). This hotel is 15 minutes walk from BNPC. Transport will only be provided for participants staying at these venues.

CESPAM's Secretariat may be contacted for suggestions on alternative accommodation. Please contact Ms Nomsa Mokgwathi on +267 355 2735/9 Fax +267 3170706 e-mail mokgwanj@mopipi.ub.bw or cespam@mopipi.ub.bw The seminar fee is US\$750 and includes materials, lunches and tea breaks. Delegates will settle their own hotel and transport costs directly.

The registration deadline is 10th March, 2006. Delegates are advised to take out adequate personal and health insurances as the organizers cannot undertake any liabilities in this regard.

Registration Procedures. Please complete the application form and post or fax to:

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## ABOUT THE SPONSORS

### **Government of Germany and GTZ**

[www.gtz.de](http://www.gtz.de)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) has been given the responsibility for implementing and managing the German support to CESPAM on behalf of the government of Germany. The German assistance is given to SADC with the aim of strengthening public administration and management in the SADC region.

## ABOUT THE ORGANISING AGENCIES

### **CESPAM**

[www.cespam.net](http://www.cespam.net)

#### **The Centre of Specialisation in Public Administration and Management**

CESPAM, located at the University of Botswana, was set up by SADC in June 2000 to promote capacity-building in Public Administration and Management. It was conceived as a part of the long term strategy to meet the demand for higher education and practical training for senior/middle managers and other officials from the SADC region, primarily in the public sector but also in the private sector. CESPAM currently receives funding from the Government of Germany, the Kingdom of Belgium, the United States Department of State, and the University of Botswana. The Centre perceives the use of information technology and appropriate enabling policies as a key instrument in the process of building good governance.

### **COMNET-IT**

[www.comnet-it.org](http://www.comnet-it.org)

The Commonwealth Network of Information Technology for Development (COMNET-IT) is an international foundation hosted by the Government of Malta and also supported by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London. It works primarily within Commonwealth member countries to support activities related to the development of capability in implementing, managing and using new information and communication technologies.

The Commonwealth Secretariat, through the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (CFTC), along with other donors, supports COMNET-IT sponsored programmes. The National Centre for Software Technology in Mumbai, India, the Malta Information Technology and Training Services Ltd, the Government Telecommunications and Informatics Program (Canada), the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit, the Government of South Africa and Jamaica's Ministry of Commerce and Technology serve as sources of support and competence for the Foundation.