National Geospatial Advisory Committee: Lightening Talk
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Convention on Geoinformation

Like a Treaty

Being Pushed by International Bar Association

Filling the Current legal/Policy Void

IBA is doing what lawyers often do – fix with laws and regulations
Covers all types of geoinformation

Calls for each entity who processes geoinformation to create a Custody Record:

- Details of each transfer
- Each stage of processing
- Notes on models and standards used or interface requirements observed
- All person who had custody – Including government agencies other than geoinformation “generated” exclusively for “national security purposes.
Other Key Terms

- **Processing Obligations of Controllers (Art V)**
  - Obligation to notify state if it have geoinformation can be used to avert harm or avert natural or man-made.
  - Make all geoinformation available to sensed state on fair and reasonable terms

- **Individuals have enforceable rights to require de-identification**

- **Consultative Committee assess and consider new standards**

- **Recognition of Geoinformation Rights (Art. VII)**
  - Parties that all reasonable efforts to ensure that copyright and database rights are protected
Impact

If Convention were to enter into force, geoinformation management would:
- Be subject to increased regulation
- Be more expensive
- Result in increased accountability/liability
  - Regulators
  - Lawsuits

Questions
- Is a Convention needed?
- Is this the right approach?
IBA is moving to fill a perceived void in legal and policy framework
- Technology is moving fast
- Big Data – little legal precedent
- What does it say that IBA lawyers let get this far

What role is geospatial community going to do to fill the void?
- Educate – geospatial community on developments
- Enlist – industry, research communities for support
- Engage – lawyers and policymakers on value of geo

Begin working on addressing these issues in practice