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Sustainable Consumption

for better resource management in Arab countries

Eye on Earth: Vision & Mission

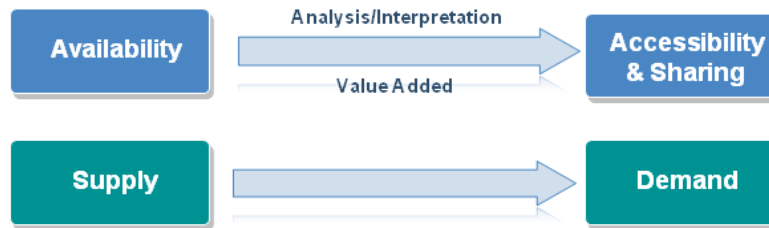
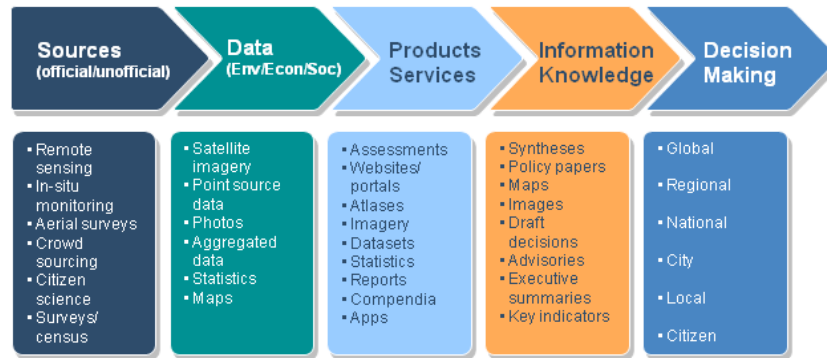
Eye on Earth Vision

- A world where environmental and associated social and economic information, combined with citizen engagement, improves decisions leading to sustainable development.

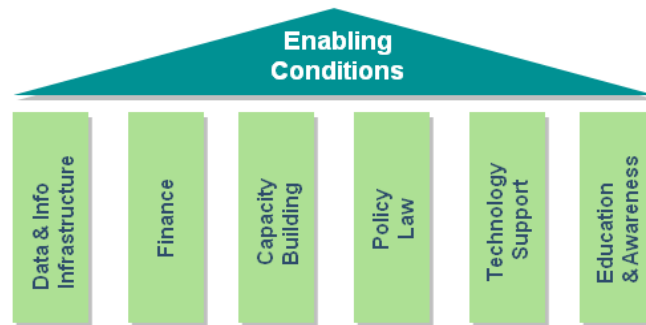
Eye on Earth Mission Statement

- Eye on Earth builds networks and capacity across diverse knowledge communities to improve decision-making for sustainable development.

Eye on Earth Conceptual Framework



Scope of the Eye on Earth Summit



Informed Decision-Making for Sustainable Development

Eye on Earth Alliance (5 members)

- The Alliance provides the strategic direction for Eye on Earth.
- Alliance organised the 2015 Summit (6-8 Oct 2015, Abu Dhabi)
- 7 new candidates for membership.



Eye on Earth & SCP – going forward

- SCP was not covered specifically in the 2015 Summit

Questions:

- What are the priority data gaps in the Arab region in relation to SCP and related SDG indicators?
- How can Eye on Earth help with knowledge sharing, data support, to support the SCP roadmap and strategy (approved by CAMRE)?
- What is the role of citizen science and crowdsourcing?
- Is there interest in establishing one or more Special Interest Group (SIG) to address a specific problem and implement transformative change (must have a data focus)?

Proposal for consideration

- UAE has shown leadership with its Ecological Footprint Initiative (EFI)
– see page 22 of AFED 2015 Report on SCP
- Can we extend the EFI project to other volunteer countries in Arab region?
- If so, we would need to:
 - identify volunteer countries;
 - identify a lead organisation
 - establish a special interest group on the EFI;
 - broker a dialogue and establish a national partnership.

Thank You

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