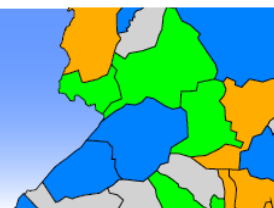




SALB

Second Administrative Level Boundaries



1. Introduction

This document gives a short summary of the activities performed and results obtained since the 9th UNGIWG plenary meeting in the context of the SALB project. For more details, please look at the last 4 editions of the SALB newsletter which can be downloaded from the [project overview page](#) on the SALB portal.

Members by region/function and alphabetical order directly implicated in the technical work of the SALB project are presented here (the persons indicated by a * are new members):

Africa: Chukwudozie Ezigbalike (UNECA), Teshome Abebe (UNECA)
 Americas: Brenda Brookes (UN Map Library), Elisa Gagliano (UN Map Library), Alejandra Silva (UN ECLAC), Claudia Lambe (Consultants)
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 Coordination and Europe: Steve Ebener and Yaniss Guigoz (WHO)

1. Activities

SALB efforts over the past year have been concentrated on:

- institutionalizing the project,
- creating of a new portal,
- strengthening some of the nodes,
 - contributing to the improvement of the UN international boundaries template and looking for a solution to improve the coastline layer,
- completing and updating as much as possible the information and data available to the users.

The institutionalization of the project within the UN Secretariat has been discussed over the past year with the UN Statistics Division and the UN Cartographic Section. These discussions resulted in a process aiming at taking SALB's operation over at the UN Statistics Division sometime in the future. This is however contingent on securing an inter-governmental mandate on which the UN Statistics Division is currently working.

The new portal for the project (www.unsalb.org) has been launched at the end of June 2009 with two main objectives:

- provide the users with more functionalities and updated information in a much faster and user friendly way,
- serves as the management platform for the project.

When it comes to the strengthening of the nodes, Ms Chandima Subasinghe has been working at the Asian Institute for Technology (AIT) in Bangkok as the technical arm of SALB in Asia since last spring and a Russian speaking consultant has just been hired to support the European node when contacting Eastern Europe countries.

Last January, Scott Westlund has reached the end of his 9 months of contract financed by SALB to support the UN Cartographic Section in improving the UN international border geodatabase. The UN Cartographic Section has since then ensured the continuity of this work and further improved the template.

Regarding the improvement of the coastline layer, SALB, in close collaboration with the UNGIWG secretariat, has been involved in discussions with NGA regarding the release and the possible generalization of their new edition of the Global Shoreline Dataset.

The complement and update of the SALB database took place either through the node contacting the NMAs by email and/or phone or direct interaction with them during the following meetings/conferences:

- Pre-CODIST workshop and CODIST I (Addis Ababa, 27 April - 1st May 2009),
- 25th session of UNGEGN (Nairobi, 5-12 May 2009),
- 10th South East Asian Survey Congress (SEASC) (Bali, 3-6 August 2009),

- 9th UN Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (UNRCC-A) (New-York, 10-14 August 2009),
- UN Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (UNRCC-AP) to take place in Bangkok (26-29 October 2009).

The slides and/or papers presented during these meetings/conferences can be downloaded from the [project overview page](#) of the SALB portal.

SALB was also present at the 40th Session of the UN Statistical Commission (New-York, 24-27 February 2009) and GSDI 11 (Rotterdam, 15-19 June 2009) which represented a good opportunity to talk with the UN Statistic Division and other partners such as Google, the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping and the Permanent Committee on Geographical Information System Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (PCGIAP).

When it comes to resource mobilization, UNHCR has extended its support to the SALB project in 2009 (15'000 USD) and ESRI has expressed its interest in providing financial support to the project over the coming year. The discussion regarding the second source of funding should be finalized by the time of the 10th UNGIWG plenary meeting.

2. Results

The information reported in this section describes the new information that has been posted on the SALB portal since the 9th UNGIWG plenary meeting.

National Mapping Agencies contact information

The contact information for the following **103 countries** has been updated: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

This information can be accessed from the [NMA contact information](#) page on the SALB portal.

Historic changes tables

The historic changes tables for the following **48 countries** have been updated until 2009: Austria, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, , Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Togo and Uruguay.

These tables can be downloaded from the [codes and Historic changes download](#) page on the SALB portal once registered and logged in.

Maps

Since last January, it has been possible to extend the period of representativity to reach 2009 for **18 countries**: Austria, Burundi, France, Guinea-Bissau, Jamaica, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Luxembourg, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Sierra Leone, Togo, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

The map for the USA over the period January 2008 - May 2008 has also been validated.

These maps can be downloaded from the [maps download](#) page on the SALB portal once registered and logged in.

3. Conclusion and perspective for 2010 - 2011

The limited amount of resources at disposal to the project obliges the coordination team to make certain choice each year on where the focus will be put.

Because of the need for improvement of the international boundary and coastline layers it has therefore been decided to priorities the institutionalization of the project as well as the creation of the new portal. This explains the limited amount of progress made with the maps over the past year.

Now that significant progresses have been made regarding the institutionalization of the project and that the new portal has been launched, the perspective for the 2010-2011 period is to make a real push regarding the release of new validated maps to the users.

The other activities of the project will of course continue but the amount of progresses which will be feasible will depend on the resources that it will be possible to leverage in 2010.

Finally, we would like to take advantage of this report to thank one more time the different donors which are supporting the project as well as all the institutions, including the National Mapping Agencies and the nodes, that have allowed us to make progresses over the past year.

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