

# Geoinformation for Development

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## Call for Papers & Workshop Topics

The language of **gi4dev** is English. It is planned that the final papers will be published in a special volume of the AGIT proceedings (Wichmann Verlag) by the end of 2006. Invited keynote presentations (30 min) will serve as an overview for discussions within the thematic sessions. Contributions as input for the discussions (10 min) are called for and should be related to one of the following topics:

- Geoinformation for development – what are the pressing issues?
- Methodologies & tools
- Institutional requirements

Within the three day AGIT Symposium two workshop slots have been reserved for **gi4dev** topics. These sessions will take place on the days before the **gi4dev** event. We invite you to submit ideas and topics to be addressed within these dedicated workshops.

The **DEADLINE** for the submission of abstracts (800 words) and workshop topics is **20 February, 2006**. For details about the format and guidelines, please visit > [www.agit.at/gi4dev](http://www.agit.at/gi4dev)

### Organizers

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### Conference Fee

1 day AGIT <b>gi4dev</b>	150,— EUR
(including coffee, refreshments, social event and conference materials)	
AGIT Full Conference Fee	220,— EUR
(Early registration before 18 May, 2006)	
Students (Full conference Fee)	150,— EUR

### Venue

The conference will be hosted at the Science Faculty of the Salzburg University. The venue is surrounded by fantastic mountain scenery and is conveniently located to the cultural heritage city of Salzburg. A list of accommodation recommendations and links to cultural programmes (Mozart2006) is offered on the website [www.agit.at/gi4dev](http://www.agit.at/gi4dev)

### Committee

Sharon Gomez (Zimbabwe/Germany), Dusan Sakulski (UNU-EHS), David Stevens (UNOOSA), Hans-Peter Thamm (Germany), Tsehaie Woldai (Netherlands), Shahnawaz (India/Austria), Peter Zeil (Austria)

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# Conference Scope

Development topics are emerging more and more in daily discussions. Affected by natural disasters and the consequences of global change, economic development and human security issues, actors require explicit spatial information for improved decision making. The geoinformation community is aware of these potentials and application fields. However, there are still many obstacles in the way of successful implementation. The lacking awareness about GI applications, inadequate human resources or missing institutional provisions all hamper improvements.

**gi4dev** wants to address these topics by means of an open discussion forum. Keynotes will prepare the ground from where discussions will start. Contrary to classic conference scenarios, this event will focus on result-oriented discussions by using moderation methodologies.

Conclusions and recommendations will be evaluated in a final panel discussion.



# Topics Include ...

## 1. GEOINFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT – WHAT ARE THE PRESSING ISSUES?

- Land Cover Changes
- Water Resource Management
- Ressource Management
- Urban Growth
- Process Monitoring
- Decision Support Systems
- Humanitarian Action
- Agrarian/Land Reform
- Desertification
- Natural Disaster Management

## 2. METHODOLOGIES AND TOOLS

- Best Practice Implementations
- Low-Cost/No-Cost Solutions
- Adapted Design
- Addressing User and Policy Requirements

## 3. INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Capacity Building
- Legal Provisions
- Institutional Development
- Developing Effective Institutional Arrangements/Linkages
- Private-Public Sector Partnerships

# AGIT Symposium

**gi4dev** is one thematic focus of the annual AGIT Symposium. Every year the AGIT Symposium attracts more than 1000 participants from all fields within Applied Geoinformatics. It is the largest applied GIS event in the German speaking world. **gi4dev** overlaps with AGIT-EXPO, an extensive exhibition of vendors in the fields of GIS and Remote Sensing.

For further information see [www.agit.at/en](http://www.agit.at/en)

## Participants

**gi4dev** addresses people working in the overlapping fields of geoinformation, development co-operation and technology transfer. Practitioners and scientists are invited to participate, to share experiences and to strengthen exchange and networks.



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