

## **LEGAL WORKING GROUP**

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### **Presentations:**

1. Progress Report Mr. Peter Pete

### **PANELISTS' COMMENTS**

- There is need to protect the Geospatial data producers, users and custodians
- Legal issues go beyond Kenyan boundaries. It was not clear what Kenya can do in order to protect data users from other countries using Kenyan data wrongly.
- There is need to develop a pricing policy;
- Modalities on commercialization of public sector data- and acquisition of data by the Government to be worked out.
- Reference to be made to Acts of Parliament regulating GI presently and identify relevant issues to be implemented

### **PARTICIPANTS' COMMENTS**

- KNSDI should consult with Kenya Industrial Patent Institute (KIPI) on Copyright issues,
- It was noted that that the ICT policy lacks a Geospatial component
- There is need to involve the Attorney General's Office in the Legal WG The secretariat to follow up
- The KNSDI Draft Policy needs to address the current GI issues in Kenya including agreement and licensing issues.

### **PANELISTS: RESPONSE**

- Geospatial component in the ICT policy was missing and KNSDI should seek its inclusion during the revision of the ICT policy.
- Incentives to be given to the data providers to deal with Acts of copyright infringement
- The Secretariat to follow on the representation from AG office.
- There is need to update the existing copyright law to address the emerging geospatial data issues.
- Agreements with clients are still being developed