

IMWG – Minutes 20210504 - 0600(NZST)

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1. Supporting / Understanding of UDAC
 - a. How do we support UNDAC.
 - b. ID Information that is useful to UNDAC
 - c. How can we leverage off ICMS and Esri based systems to provide UNDAC with valuable product and data in their environment?
2. ICMS 2.0 (2020)
 - a. Aidan is working on the new system.
 - b. Beta testing end of June/July at this stage.
 - c. New Functions in planning – Team based workforce planning and monitoring.
 - i. Esri workforce and field maps
 - d. UAS product integration
3. NAP Teams
 - a. Awaiting ERS to identify first NAP teams for ICMS integration.
 - b. Mentoring of classified teams for NAP Teams seen as best option as this will increase collaboration with countries and manage IMWG workload.

4. UCC Subgroup
 - a. Rob and Solveig are part of this team working on integrating UCC and ICMS manual and function.
 - b. Progress is a little slower than expected.
 - c. Current actions in play
 - i. Review of manual
 - ii. ICMS inclusion in UCC manual
 - iii. Use of reference material (ICMS training manuals)
 - iv. Developing structure
5. Finance
 - a. USARNL currently our sponsor
 - b. Desire of IMWG is for UNOCHA to provide sustainable funding.
 - c. USARNL approached to extend sponsorship.
6. Virtual RDC (Work has not yet started on this)
 - i. RDC data collection by ICMS is currently part of the system.
 - ii. RDC is more than just data collection, but for the collection of classified team data, effectively virtual RDC exists in ICMS now.
 - iii. Challenges would be non-classified teams and other partners coming through RDC.
 - iv. A RDC virtual cell or back office could be established to support a physical RDC with all the data collection, reducing the workload on RDC.
 - v. Enhanced story board functions could be established and supported by virtual/remote RDC team (Much like the IMWG IOS for ICMS), that could provide a wide range of information (ie, Country information, maps, travel instructions etc.)
7. VR Training - ERE
 - a. New approach to training as a result of the confusion around UNDAC ERE vs INSARAG ERE, shows there is an opportunity for VR technology to support virtual exercises, including the use of ICMS.
 - b. NED1, GER1 and NZL1 are all looking at this.
 - c. This not an official IMWG function but is a side project to see how it might work.

8. Presentations and promotion of ICMS
 - a. 3 presentations from John and Jeff at the GIS for a Sustainable world conference
 - b. Delivery of “Enabling USAR operations with ArcGIS” at Global Esri conference.

Actions Points

1. ICMS 2.0 -
 - a. Aidan working to have a beta for IMWG testing by end of June. AE
2. Develop a brief plan around engaging with UNDAC to determine info requirements. ST
3. Contact ERS around NAP team prioritisation - PW
4. Finance: Report back on current progress from NED01 - MB
5. Virtual RDC – Develop discussion paper - JMa
6. VR planning for SIMEX – PW, TK, JMa
7. Esri conference delivery of presentation – JMo, JMa

Summary

Fairly busy month of April, with ICMS training completed and 3 presentations delivered to international audiences, as well as the UNDAC ERE and subsequent focus on VR training for SIMEX's.

ICMS2.0 is now back underway as Aidan's capacity has come back and we will have a better idea of the eta to beta testing at our next meeting.

UCC Subgroup is progressing a bit slower than expected but is progressing well non the less.

Challenges around long-term funding still exist, with ERS approaching USARNL to extend sponsorship, while IMWG view is very much this will limit ICMS development and that a secure ERS based funding model is required ASAP.

Next meeting: 0600 1st June (NZST – UTC +12 or CET UTC +2)