

Opening Remarks by Dr.Ali Javidaneh, acting director general of National Cartographic Center of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the 3rd Meeting of ECO Geomatics Committee

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ECO secretariat, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen

Good morning every one.

I am Ali Javidaneh, acting director general of National Cartographic Center of the Islamic Republic of Iran. I have got a BS in surveying engineering, an MS in GIS and a PHD in GIS.

It is my sincere pleasure to extend my warm welcome to each and every one of you to participate in the 3rd ECO Geomatics Committee which is now being held.

Before we get started, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who generously helped us make this event come together to become a success especially the ECO Secretariat. We couldn't have done it without you!

I believe ECO has great potentialities to encourage all member states to share their experience and provide support to each other for boosting sustainable development in the region.

In today's gathering, I would like to focus on the importance of ECO Geomatics Committee which could enable us to work together on mutual projects, share information and learn from each other's knowledge.

In National Cartographic Center, there are technical departments which do separate tasks. The GIS and SDI department has made the National Geoportal for the whole country, the department of Cartography and National Atlases, thematic maps, cover maps and national atlases get published, in the department of Geodesy and Land surveying, Implementation of Fundamental Geodetic Networks to provide National Coordinate Reference Frame have been done. In the department of Hydrography and Tidal Affairs, since 2015, publication of international nautical charts has started, and so far 92 navigational charts are published by NCC under the supervision of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) which led to termination of foreign domination in the Persian Gulf with the international publication of NCC Electronic Navigational Charts. In the department of aerial Surveying, Spatial and Based Maps, NCC is equipped with an aerial photography fleet and the latest technologies in this field. It is to mention that such experiences can be extended to other areas of Geomatics.

In Iran, National Cartographic Center is the hub in the field of maps and spatial information of the country and the capabilities of NCC along with the capabilities and capacities of the private sectors have the ability to meet the needs of the region in the field of maps and spatial information.

Another salient point I'd like to raise is that Iran has localized the knowledge of Geomatics and spatial information and now is self-sufficient in meeting the country's needs and ready to export our innovative technical and engineering services abroad. Furthermore, Iran welcomes requests of all countries in providing them with our experience and expertise in all fiends of Geomatics and is willing to cooperate with any member states in this respect.

Your commitment and passions have helped us all to unite and the energy we create is what allows us to achieve our individual as well as group goals. We are grateful to have you joined us here at this meeting.

Well, I don't want to take too much of your time, I need to leave some time for others to introduce themselves to all of you and fill you in on some of our upcoming activities.

In the hope that today's meeting will bring us fruitful resolutions.

Thank you all

God bless you.