Canada Forum Co-Chair Meeting

Minutes

January 8th, 2019

1030-1130

Attendees

* Aurelian Constantinescu
* Cameron Wilson
* Bradford Dean
* Trevor Taylor

Apologies

* Andy Hoggarth
* Tom Landry

Agenda

* 2019 Workplan
* Calendar
* Any other Business
* Next Meeting

**Work Plan 2019**

**Connecting with the Canadian Community**

**The key take-away** from 2018 interaction with the Canadian Community was “Interested but what are the next steps? “.

**Action:**

Schedule a Gotomeeting Session on February 19th intended for the entire Canadian community to present work done to date ( crawl), the 2019 /2020 calendar and present the “asks” ( see below), with a follow up session planned in the May time frame ?

Government Sector

* Actively plan Workshops with other Canadian Government departments for Policy on standards, with improved messaging/value statements in plain language

**“ask” for forum members;**

Working as a group generate and execute a workshop in Q2 , Ottawa, in concert with Stats Canada

Universities/Research Setor

* The group identified the need for more active representation from the University Community to ensure representation in the forum

**“ask” for forum members;**

Continue to reach out to Universities to seek active university participation

Private Sector

* Create a showcase of Canadian private sector capabilities for use in domestic /international markets (explore reviving the Team Canada approach for the latter).

**“ask” for forum members;**

Schedule and participate in a “show me” innovation showcase as part of the OGC meetings in Banff, in September

Support the idea of reviving a trade mission at a selected international conferences to bring advanced Canadian capabilities to the world , inclusive of all sectors of the Canadian Community.

Potentially determine applications/themes to show relevancy to domestic and foreign issues (e.g. *Climate Change, Smart Cities, Marine, SDI, floods, and disasters) and technology (Radar, Ship tracking, Sensors, Machine Learning/AI] approaches].*

* Develop an idea for a joint Canadian product or service offering. with a focus on Standards and Interoperability.

**“ask” for forum members;**

**Recruit a** group of interested organizations to scope and refine what this offering would look like.

Indigenous Sector

* Key outcomes from the NRCan sponsored user needs assessment, is a clear need for a stack of data (and maybe tools) relevant to a community, a need for capacity building and plans for sustainability. Phase II of the assessment may include a focus on Inuvik for the next Fedgov FY.

**“ask” for forum members:**

Consider contributing to other “Stacks”, with the idea that the Banff meeting would include the presentation of the Inuvik stack, and a discussion of gaps and next steps.

* Work to Establish an Indigenous Geospatial Leadership Group, to meet at a summit during the OGC meetings in Banff, inclusive of NGOs (e.g. Red Cross volunteers, others). Potential topics could include; The Data Stacks, standards and interop, and sustaining the process, Nation to Nation collaboration for data sharing and capacity building, unified requirements collection, First nations entrepreneurs, Include successful use cases from the Mohawk Council and Ttioweroton communities as per Bradford.

**Ask for forum members;**

Request for volunteers to assist in making this happen

Other

* Work to create Pre-configured Cloud based Infrastructure plus support, common community space inclusive of tools, data , how to guides (e.g. building blocks) to encourage and support capacity building, collaborative projects etc ( Virtual Innovation Lab ?)

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Modernize the Canada Forum’s public web presence to include social media, improve user friendliness, include applications show cases (etc). We have an public facing wiki, which is insufficient to support this

**Ask for community;**

Request resources form the community to do so.

**Canada Forum Calendar**

* Feb 19th gotomeeting session for entire community
* Tentative May/June follow on session
* Reprise representation at GeoAlberta, Geomatics Atlantic , IMF, Quebec Water Network, others for 2018
* Schedule and exciter a Canadian Forum Summit in Banff (Sept)
* Schedule and execute a Canadian Forum Summit in Montreal (June 2020 tbd)

Next Meeting, Wednesday, January 23rd