

Spatial Information Technology–“a Virile Tool and Fit–For–Purpose in Good Governance Campaign in the Sub–Saharan Africa–A Focus on Nigeria”.

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SUMMARY

The society in which we live has a significant influence on the type of information that we require to address particular socio-economic, development or environmental issues. Spatial information model can be developed in deciding on what information is required for the development of the information system to address a particular problem in the society. This information is needed to address development issues as well as encourage investment by the private sector. Information on the natural resources endowments of sub-Saharan Africa is very necessary in order to attract huge foreign investments to this region of Africa. people’s perceptions, risks of investment (e.g. wars, crime, political instability) and general knowledge of the environment through spatial intelligence are important factors to consider in harnessing the benefits that will be derived from the investments in this sub-region. Necessary policies acceptable platforms and protocols need to be put in place by the sub-regional governments in line with global best practices to ensure that the correct information is collected and that the whole process remains sustainable. This paper is aimed at putting to the fore, the inevitability of harnessing spatial information as a tool in good governance and effective service delivery in the Sub-Saharan Africa and more so , Nigeria.