Breakout Groups Day 1 VERY informal summary



- What are the needs of National Mapping and Cadaster Agencies (NMCA) from Volunteerd Geographic Information? What are the needs of industry from VGI?
 - There is a need for more advanced crowdsourcing (for ex: mapping of polygon than a pointer)
 - A Legal view on VGI regarding intellectual property rights (who is the owner?) is missing from research.
 - There must be a reflection about a sustainable business model take integrates open data and VGI.
 - When you talk about collaboration, you can also talk about collaboration among levels and among organization. And a taxonomy of crowd members.

- In terms of collaboration what are the needs of the VGI community from NMCAs?
 - Clear feedback mechanisms
 - VGI tool chain should first look at what's already existing and seek cooperation. But support from NCMA's is needed.
 - Accessible (open data) services
 - Research Topics
 - Licensing
 - Support from NCMA's in VGI tool chain
 - Feedback mechanisms
 - Quality labels of NCMA data

- Practically, how do NMCAs and VGI communities work together? Tools, processes, procedure
 - budget cuts need crowdsourcing, but this requires change of thinking
 - business models vary greatly across countries and NMAs
 - not get to hung up about OSM, NMAs should think about business models that open up data, and then see what OSM does with it
 - Currently, there still seems to be a lot skepticism on both sides of the aisle - who is going to make the first step?

- How can VGI and crowdsourced spatial data assist in the work of NMCA's?
 - In UK mid-scale data is used by OSM, large scale is still licensed. There is no agreement between OSM and Ordnance Survey, but OSM is using the data of OS.
 - Now all changes are captured in 98% of the time within 6 months, sounds fast, but is nowadays slow.
 - Using crowd photographs to assess land cover mapping, is not yet used in a mature way. You also will get a bias
 - Ex: let the crowd creating preferred walking paths by letting the crowds say where the paths should be.

- How can sources of VGI be successfully combined with NMCA/government/other data?
 - Combining the data is one of the biggest problems in the future. Unintended (positive and negative) consequences
 - Should the goals change for NMCAs? Should they become a gatherer of all crowdsourced data or VGI? Not necessarily no longer be the sole producers of data - a role of quality assessment of this crowdsourced data or VGI.
 - The crowd must have the possibility to take part if you build it they will come.

- How do we improve (or measure) the quality of VGI data for NMCA needs?
 - Question assumes that quality is a problem.....
 - first identify what quality is needed, then measure, then decide what has to be improved
 - this based on "use by use" case, depending on the goal you use the data for (different quality for different uses, for different parts of the data)
 - This leaves unanswered the question HOW to improve...

A more formal writeup (anonymised) will be available soon on the website

