



World Geospatial Industry Council

HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

September 2025

WGIC UPDATES

[WGIC Team Heading To Frankfurt For INTERGEO 2025!](#)

Meet WGIC Team at

INTERGEO[®]

OCT. 7-9

FRANKFURT 2025

Booth #12.0G.050

07
October

Data to Decisions

2:00-3:00 PM (CEST) | Main Stage

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WGIC Meeting

9:00 AM-12:00 PM (CEST) | REFLEXION 1-3

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WGIC Board Working Lunch

12:00 PM-1:00 PM (CEST) | REFLEXION 1-3

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WGIC Booth Reception

4:00 PM-6:00 PM (CEST) | Booth #12.0G.050

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October

Future of Earth Observation

11:10-12:10 PM (CEST) | Application Dome

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October

Geospatial Workforce

1:10-2:10 PM (CEST) | Application Dome

From October 7–9, meet the WGIC team at Booth #12.0G.050 and engage with WGIC members and the global geospatial community. WGIC will host member and board meetings, side events, and networking sessions — all designed to foster collaboration and open new business opportunities for our members. Please note that the WGIC Board Working Lunch is reserved exclusively for Board members.

[Explore the full program](#)

[First In-person Horizons Podcast Episode Explores The Role of Humans In Machine-driven World](#)



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HAVING A HUMAN IN THE LOOP IN YOUR AI STARTER KIT IS SUPER IMPORTANT

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WGIC Executive Director Aaron Addison recently visited Fugro's Tech Center in Nootdorp, The Netherlands, reconnecting with Mark Heine, CEO of Fugro and Chair of NMT-IRO, and sitting down with Leonard Sands, Fugro's Global Business Line Director Land, to record the first in-person episode of WGIC's Horizons Podcast.

Their conversation explored how AI is reshaping the geospatial sector and changing the game for the future of the industry.

[Watch here](#)

CASE STUDY

[Makepath's User-first Platform To Support Conservation Easements](#)

Allen Chapel Farms (15183)

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Makepath, a WGIC member company, along with ORBO Systems and Natural Resources Conservancy (NRC), created a user-first platform to support conservation easements, improve easement monitoring, and empower land trusts, blending satellite imagery, AI, and streamlined workflows.

[Read more](#)

WGIC continues to accept case studies from its member companies. Tell us about the customer challenges, your approach to solving them, technology and its implementation, and key results to showcase the impact and value of geospatial innovation.

[Submit your case study](#)

HORIZONS PODCAST VIDEOS

[Menghestab Haile, GeoSAS: GeoSAS Into Productive Partnerships To Develop Local Capacities In Africa](#)

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GEOSPATIAL DATA IS NOT IN AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS' BUDGETS

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Menghestab Haile, CEO of GeoSAS, discusses how the company is addressing Africa's food security challenges through data-driven solutions, youth employment, and women's empowerment. He highlights GeoSAS' role in building local geospatial capacities, fostering partnerships for rural growth, and advancing Africa's sustainable transformation as a WGIC member.

[Watch here](#)

[Willy Govender, Vastpoint: We Are An Impact Company, Aligned With UN-SDGs](#)

**“WE HELPED GOVTS
ISSUE A MILLION
LAND TITLES, 50% OF
THEM FOR WOMEN**



Willy Govender, CEO of Vastpoint, explains how sustainable land administration and improved property tax systems drive economic growth in emerging economies, and highlights Vastpoint's role in supporting end-to-end land management for sustainable development. As a founding member of WGIC and chair of its Project Funding and Sustainability Committee, he also reflects on advancing geospatial impact worldwide.

[Watch here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[INTERGEO 2025 | October 7-9](#)

[WGIC Board & Members Meetings | October 8](#)

[Trimble Dimensions | November 10-12](#)

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