

Global Vision, Local Impact: Translating Geospatial Thought Leadership into Community-Driven Outcomes

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SUMMARY

As geospatial technologies and policies evolve on the global stage, the challenge lies in translating high-level thought leadership into meaningful, locally relevant outcomes. The talk will explore how global geospatial frameworks developing country level strategies can be adapted to support local priorities, capacity building, and sustainable development. Drawing on global advisory experience, this presentation will highlight practical pathways for aligning international standards with local needs, including Indigenous data sovereignty, climate resilience, and smart infrastructure. Through case studies and strategic insights, presentation will demonstrate how national geospatial ecosystems can empower communities, inform policy, and drive innovation from the ground up.

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