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## Strategy for Virtually Sharing of Geographic Information by Botswana National Mapping Agency

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## INTRODUCTION

- NMA is established under Land Survey Act CAP 33:01
- DUTY GOVERNMENT AND STAKEHOLDERS
- Technology Efforts by Department of Surveys and Mapping (DSM)
  - Several efforts have been done to digitalize DSM data
  - External stakeholders have never had direct access
  - Challenges in sharing and exchange of the MNA's geospatial data subsists
  - No available online platform
- DATA OPENNESS ??????????????????????????????????????

## DSM EFFORTS

Such efforts include;

- Integrated Geographic information System (IGIS).
- Cadastral Information System (CIS)
- Digital Archiving System
- National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI)

A question mark on **DSM virtual presence?**

Is **virtual presence strategy a necessity?**

## STUDY APPROACH

- ❑ A Stuqualitative Study using:
  - Document study and analysis
  - Online presence and portal searches
  - Interviews with DSM Officers

## RESULTS

❑ Documents: Number of Reports on digitalization efforts found

- **HOWEVER**

- Dissemination: Manual and highly conventional
- No virtual dissemination
- No dissemination strategy

❑ Web Presence: **Insignificant**

❑ National Spatial Data Infrastructure : **attempts made but no outputs**

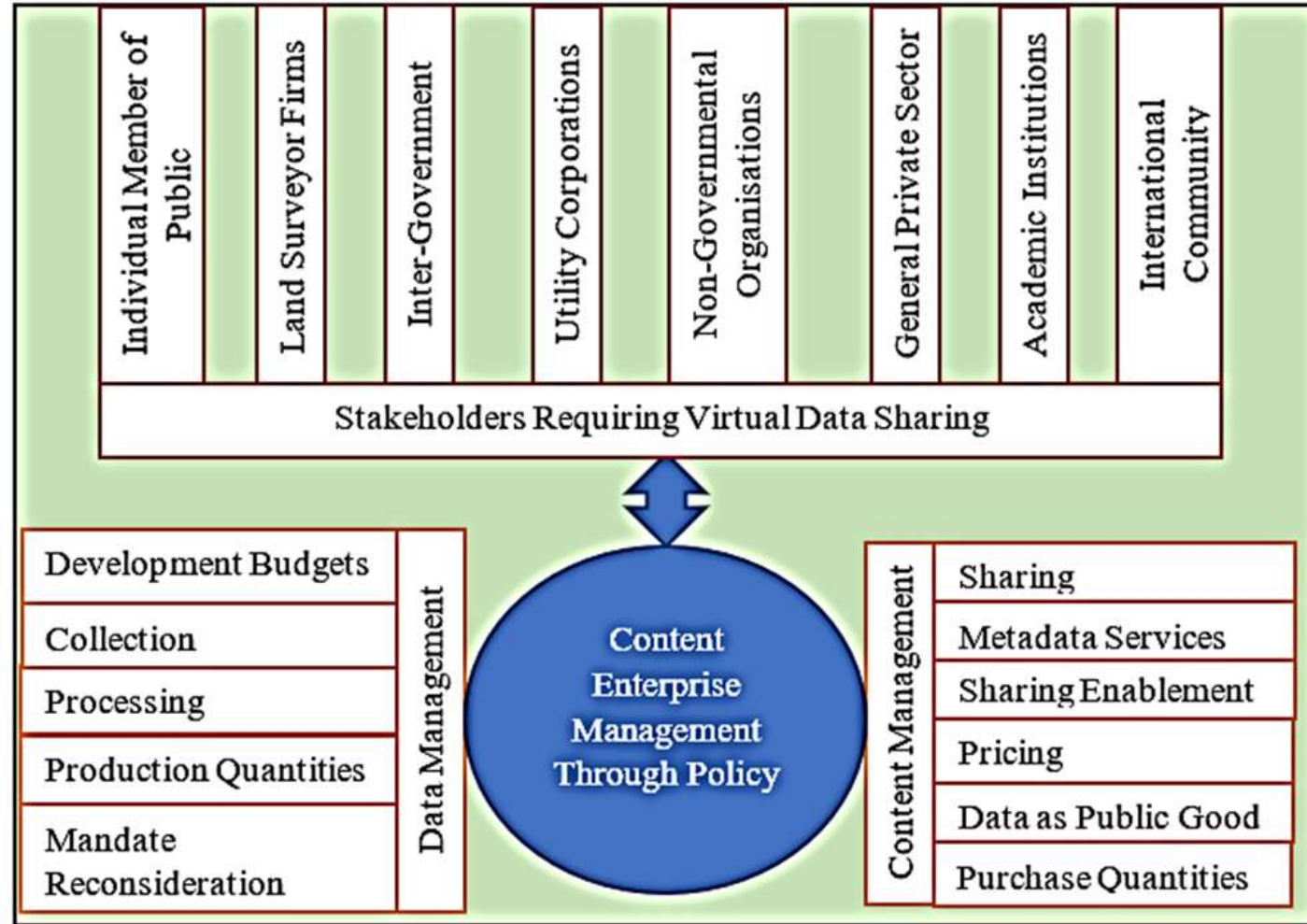
## PROPOSED STRATEGY

□ Proposed strategy anchored on the following:

1. **DATA MANAGEMENT:** internal frameworks and operations
2. **CONTENT MANAGEMENT:** data management and publication content to any outlet
3. **CONTENT ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT:** Rethinking and establishing of convergence of Data Management (DM) and Content Management (CM)
4. **STAKEHOLDER VIRTUAL REQUIREMENTS:** Data openness and Accessibility

## Content Enterprise Management (CEM) Strategy

- Policy as opposed to practice as is currently
- Codification
- Functional ECM Committee establishment within DSM Administrative Division
  - ECM Policy formulation
  - Datasets
  - Metadata service development
  - standards and guidelines on virtual access of DSM content by stakeholders
- Committee must meet monthly



## CONCLUSION

- Botswana Act Chapter 33:01 the Land Survey Act (DUTY to Government and Users)***
- DSM possesses massive Data. It has to be tapped to support various socio-economic and environmental interests – Health, Education, Social and Local Government, environmental management, utility management, Academic Research etc
- Public has to demand quality spatial data from DSM
- DSM has duty to make the data it collects accessible to all (Data must be reliable, relevant, reasonable cost and timely)
- Coordinated situational analysis and awareness within DSM must be done
- DSM must ensure security and authenticity of spatial data consumed in the country