

Concept Note on Technical Mapping Meet-Up

Date: 22nd May 2026

Location: To Be Confirmed

Introduction

Digital mapping tools and geospatial data are increasingly used by civil society organizations, researchers, community groups, journalists, and development practitioners to support evidence-based work, planning, monitoring, and advocacy. Tools such as GIS platforms, satellite imagery, open data portals, and mobile data collection applications have become more accessible, yet their effective use often remains uneven across organizations and regions.

Many practitioners apply mapping tools independently, with limited opportunities to share practical experiences, learn new techniques, or connect with peers facing similar technical challenges. This leads to disjointed technical capacity, duplication of efforts, and missed opportunities for collaboration.

The Technical Mapping Meet-Up is designed as a practical and inclusive platform to bring together diverse users of mapping and spatial data tools to exchange knowledge, strengthen technical networks, and explore opportunities for collaboration across sectors and disciplines.

Objective

The meet-up aims to:

1. Exchange knowledge and practical experiences on mapping and spatial data tools
2. Strengthen technical networks among local stakeholders
3. Promote collaborative approaches to data collection, analysis, and monitoring

Expected participants

The Technical Mapping Meet-Up is expected to have approximately **25 participants** interested in GIS, remote sensing, environment, forestry, land, conservation, and mapping to join. Everyone can join, not limited to students, researchers, CSOs, CBOs, development partners, journalists, government, communities, etc.

**Women, LGBTQIA+, indigenous peoples, and people with disabilities are encouraged to join.*

Expected Outcomes

Participants will:

- Increase their practical understanding of commonly used mapping tools and workflows
- Learn from peer experiences, case studies, and applied use cases
- Build new professional connections for technical support and collaboration
- Identify potential areas for joint initiatives and information sharing.

Timeline

- 7th May 2026: Call for participants
Register [Technical Mapping Meet-Up in May 2026 - Fill out form](#)
- 17th May 2026: Close the application
- 18th May 2026: Receive confirmed participation
- 20th May 2026: Deadline for confirming participation
- 22nd May 2026: Host Technical Mapping Meet-Up

Agenda

- 13:30 – 14:00 Arrival of participants and networking
- 14:00 – 14:10 Welcoming and opening speech
- 14:10 – 15:00 Presentation
Speaker: Mr. TECK Vanna, Technical Specialist of Spatial Informatics Group
- 15:00 – 15:20 Coffee break
- 15:20 – 16:10 Presentation
Speaker: Ms. Kong Sophalreachana, Conservation Technology Specialist,
Wildlife Conservation Society
- 16:10 – 16:50 Presentation on the Forest Disturbance Platform
Speaker: Mr. SAM AN Mardy, IT and Website Manager of ODC
- 16:50 – 17:00 Wrap-up and closing remark