

RENEWAL OF ESRI GIS SOFTWARE ENDOWMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

Once again this October 2021, Environmental Systems Research Institute ESRI, San-Diego California has renewed its GIS software endowment to University of Ibadan. This makes it seven straight years of access to ESRI resources by University of Ibadan.

University of Ibadan first received this grant of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software and other associated digital learning platforms from Environmental Systems Research Institute ESRI, in 2014. This endowment is intended to support research, teaching and innovative activities of the University of Ibadan.

To optimize usage, GIS trainings anchored on this grant have been promoted across departments, faculties, institutes and centers of research of University of Ibadan. Students, lecturers and other staff members of the University are encouraged to adopt the GIS technology.

University of Ibadan is collaborating with its industry partner and an alumnus of the University, David Tolu Afolayan, the CEO of GIS Konsult to implement and deploy effective GIS solutions and engagements. This collaboration has enabled the training of staff and students across the university and most recently at UI School of Business, Department of Computer Science, Department of Industrial and Production Engineering and the University Health Service.

Of note is how the University Health Services has set up the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for health information management, display and analysis. The UHS is benefiting from this ESRI endowment and partnership to train doctors and health workers to effectively manage, update and analyze spatial data for location intelligence and for an improved health service delivery. The University Health Services is deploying the Geographic Information Systems GIS to capture health records and to enhance its Integrated Health Service plan for the University. This leverages on the capacity of the GIS to provide location intelligence for health insights. Also, the UHS in its concerted efforts to contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus is utilizing GIS technology to effectively establish geographic clusters and to coordinate its vaccination and medical examination exercises in multiple locations simultaneously.

With this dynamism, the University of Ibadan is positioned to become a Geographic Information Systems GIS Center of Excellence that will proffer solutions to communities, institutions and organizations across Africa and indeed globally.

The Vice Chancellor on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the University of Ibadan expresses deep appreciation to Environmental Systems Research Institute ESRI for this generous and kind gesture.

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