The 12th Esri Eastern Africa User Conference

The 12th Esri Eastern Africa User Conference was held from **4 - 6 October 2017** in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The Esri Eastern Africa User Conference (EAUC) is an annual event that brings together Geographic Information Systems (GIS) professionals from across Eastern Africa to share their experiences and learn more about Esri's GIS technology. This conference which was organized by Esri Eastern Africa is the key regional GIS showcase on the geospatial calendar, bringing together government ministries, county/local governments, NGOs, private companies and UN agencies from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea. The new developments in the Geospatial technologies were highlighted through parallel technical and industry (paper) sessions.

The conference was themed **Dive Deep into The Science of Where** and the objectives of the conference was to:

- Deliberate on the role of GIS and geo-spatial technology in Eastern Africa's achievement of their long-term development plans.
- Demonstrate the progress of key national GIS projects, and discuss the hindrances and pitfalls encountered during implementation.
- Showcase the functionality, benefits, complementarities and pervasiveness of the latest geospatial technologies.

The conference was preceded by a pre-conference seminar on GIS for Land Administration which brought together land agencies from the National Land Commission, Kenya and the Ministry of Lands, Tanzania. The seminar highlighted deployment patterns of GIS for land administration, implementing land administration domain model and show cased several success stories and references globally.

The Commission was represented by Commissioner Abdulkadir Khalif, Commissioner Silas Kinoti, Mary Macharia, Samuel Nthuni, and Jacinta Gitau. They presented a paper titled "Establishment of the Public Land Information System in Kenya" during the GIS for Land Administration Seminar, where the milestones achieved so far in the development of a public land information system and the efforts made to establish a public land inventory were highlighted.