Geographic Information System (GIS) SYMPOSIUM

Georgetown Guyana- 18 February 2020- The Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, hosted a Geographic Information System symposium.

The aim of the symposium was to provide a platform for key stakeholder agencies to become aware of projects, activities and efforts relating to geospatial and statistical information management occurring nationally and at the Commission.

Particpants of the GIS symposium at the Arthur Chung conference center

During opening remarks, Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer of the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission, Mr. Trevor L. Benn, underscored the importance of the work the Commission is about to embark on, noting that if it is to be successful it requires more engagement at the Senior Government level.

"This work is very transformational and it requires a lot of coordination and cooperation," Mr. Benn said. Mr. Benn stated that the agency which he leads is not taking over another agency's work, pointing out that when you embark on new areas of work there are always fear and misunderstanding.

Commissioner and CEO Mr. Trevor L Benn

"This Geospatial area of work has to be supported by all of the agencies and each of us has our individual roles to play and will have to continue playing that role". He noted.

According to Mr. Tarachand Balgobin, Director of Project Cycle Management, Ministry of Finance, the country's development over the past few dates has been informed by Adhoc systems as a result he said, the country has not been able to progress as it should.

Mr. Tarachand Balgobin

" The relationship of space to human functions and human responsibility is largely absent in our planning architecture. We cannot plan anymore just for people without understanding the spatial dimension and the geophysical aspect of it," Mr. Balgobin said.

Presentations were made by Mr. Durwin Humphrey, Manager of the Commission's Secretariat, Mr. Nasim Naseer, Manager of Land Information and Mapping and Mr. David Cole, Manager of Information Systems Division.