

Communiqué

THE AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF REMOTE SENSING AND GEOSPATIAL COMPANIES IN THE COURSE OF CREATION

On the sidelines of AARSE 11th Conference held in Kampala, Uganda, from 24 to 28 October 2016, members of Private African Companies of Remote Sensing,

- considering that one of the major lessons learned from the survey carried out by AARSE on the African Remote sensing private sector is that it should create a Pan-African Association;
- considering the urgent need to combine their efforts, skills and resources to create a Pan African Association of Remote Sensing Companies, under the auspices of AARSE;
- considering the role that such an association can and should play in advancing the interests of the African Remote Sensing private sector across the continent for the benefit of all African stakeholders;
- considering the historical role that the African remote sensing private sector can and must play in the sustainable socio-economic development of the continent;

Have initiated the procedure leading as soon as possible to the creation of the Association, to be known as the **African Association of Remote Sensing and Geospatial Companies**, abbreviated **ARSGC**.

ARSGC will actively pursue the development of the Remote Sensing and Geospatial industry in Africa and participate in the development and utilisation of Earth Observation products and services, in collaboration with international organizations, for the benefit of sustainable development of the African continent.

Have signed the communiqué:

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