In pursuance of the decisions taken in the 3rd BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting in Moscow on 28 October 2015, the first meeting of BRICS Working Group on geospatial technologies (BRICS-WGGS) was organized on 2 March 2016 by India at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida.

The meet was organized by the National Resource Data Management Systems National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NRDMS-NSDI) and International Multilateral and Regional Cooperation Divisions of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. The theme of the meet was ‘Geospatial Technologies for Good Governance and Decision-making’. The aim of the meeting held under the aegis of the BRICS Moscow Declaration 2015 was to promote geospatial research, technology development and applications at national, regional and global levels amongst the BRICS countries. The BRICS Geospatial Collaboration Working Group Meeting had representatives of geospatial domain from the respective countries except South Africa.

The areas of cooperation identified at the event were geosciences collaboration, geospatial policies, earth observation and its people centric applications, human resources and capacity building, academia-industry collaboration and catalysing technology development.

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