

GRID-Arendal

- Norwegian foundations
- Created 1989 by Norwegian Ministry of Environment
- Supports UNEP



UNEP Shelf Programme - Background

- UN GA asked in December 2002 UNEP to use existing competence and capacity in GRID network to support developing states and SIDS in delineating their continental shelf
- DEWA asked GRID-Arendal to coordinate this work
- UNEP Shelf Programme was established in 2004, funded mainly by Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



UNEP Shelf Programme - Status

- Extended continental shelf outside 200 M
- Approx. 75 Developing states
- Approx. 25 in Africa
- Complicated exercise, main challenge data
- 10 years deadline, May 2009



UNEP Shelf Programme - Status

- Raised Awareness
- One Stop Data Shop
- Provided 35 states with data
- Training courses and capacity building
- Advisory services



UNEP Shelf Programme - Challenges

- 13 of May 2009
- Preliminary information into full submission
- Late signatory states
- Maintaining expertise and capacity until time of defending the submission to CLCS



GRID-Arendal - Expertise

- Network established with coastal and marine developing states
- Geoscientific expertise (Gelogogy, geomorphology, geophysics, interpretation)
- Data repository and expertise
- Capacity building and graphic expertise

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