

Importance of Being Informed - The Only Way of Ensuring Throughout Life Cycle Sustainment

If a couple of visionary, scientists and daring engineering teams from all around the world managed to design a global system which is composed of several modular components individually, transport these all around the world, attach them to one another and connect them to the International Data Centre to form the International Monitoring System, it will sound very surprising that one of the many challenges faced by the International Monitoring System is to do with those very factors that have made it exciting from the beginning: changing components, produced in different parts of the world, deployed at remote locations, operated by people speaking different languages and the requirement to communicate without personal contact on every modification made in a systematic manner. The solution to this challenge is simple however - with powerful databases, special software and cloud storage, it should be easy to produce and provide in an efficient manner real time up-to-date information on the IMS network to keep it credible and sustainable for ever. Reality teaches a different lesson. Document and information management is a challenging task but one that when executed as a joint effort ensures throughout life cycle sustainment and is beneficial to all stakeholders.

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