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Announcement:

**Auction to benefit the Developing Nation Fund at GSDI-9 in Santiago, Chile!**

Please come prepared to share and enjoy in an evening of culture exchange that will benefit the GSDI Association's **Developing Nation Fund**! At this conference, as part of the social activities, a silent auction will be initiated to raise money for the **Developing Nation Fund**. This fund is used to support human capacity building in developing nations by covering travel expenses of representatives of national organizations from developing nations to attend important conferences and workshops.

Please consider bringing an item identifiable with your nation or region of the world to donate to the silent auction. Items might include books, rugs, handicrafts, shawls, jewelry, carvings, baskets, hats, pottery, pillows, artwork, musical instruments, software, hardware, historic maps, a training course, a vacation house for a period of time, etc. **Just use your imagination!**

Donated items will be exhibited during the conference from November 6-9<sup>th</sup>. Each item will be accompanied by a bid page, so that GSDI-9 conference attendees may bid on items throughout the week. The highest written bid on each sheet as of 16:00 on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> wins the bid and the right to take the item home – upon receipt of payment. A few selected items will be sold through a live auction at the Gala Dinner on Thursday Evening!

Please contribute, bid, have fun, and help build support for and solidarity with the global community of SDI specialists attempting to make a difference in developing nations!

More information at: [www.gsdi9.cl](http://www.gsdi9.cl) and click on "Auction" or contact the Chair of the GSDI Sponsored Projects Committee – Carmelle J. Terborgh at [cterborgh@esri.com](mailto:cterborgh@esri.com)