



IGIF Activities in the UN-GGIM: Arab States

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Regional Activities (UN-GGIM-AS)

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Workshop

- **Topic:** Enhancing Geospatial Information Management
- **Date & Location:** 12-13 Feb – 2023, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- **Workshop objective:** provided a forum for state members of UN-GGIM: Arab States to hear and engage with experts on specific topics of interest, share and exchange information, experiences and practices, and discuss and consider the feasible pathways towards enhancing national geospatial information management. The workshop promoted and facilitated peer-to-peer exchange, interaction and learning leveraging the UN-IGIF.



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Plenary Meeting: 10th UN-GGIM: Arab States Plenary Meeting

IGIF Working Group summary of Recommendations:

- Review the translation of the implementation guide of (part – 2 of IGIF), especially the modifications that have been made to the original version.
- Facilitate sharing of pioneering experiences and expertise between member states.
- Continue to follow the activities of the UN-GGIM Committees, as well as the efforts of the UN-GGIM Working Groups.
- Appreciation and thanks to the Kingdom of Morocco for its of translating the second part of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework into Arabic.

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Working group activities

- As an initial step in terms of awareness and unification of concepts, a series of awareness-raising workshops have been studied and proposed
- two workshops were held during the period (June 2021 – March 2022) on the following:
 - SP1: Governance and Institutions
 - SP8: Capacity & Educations
- They will be a scheduling for a number of workshops this year to cover the remine IGIF-strategic pathways.

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Challenges

- **Limited Availability of Experts:** The Arab States often face a shortage of skilled professionals and experts in geospatial information management.
- **Technological Constraints:** Access to advanced geospatial technologies can be a significant hurdle for some Arab States.
- **Funding Challenges:** Adequate funding for geospatial information initiatives can be a constant struggle for Arab States.
- **Data Sharing Barriers:** While data sharing is crucial for effective geospatial information management, concerns about data sovereignty and security can create barriers to cross-border data exchange and collaboration.
- **Nature of the Political System:** The political landscape of each Arab State can significantly influence the development and accessibility of geospatial information.



Global Activities (HLG-IGIF)

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Arab States Representatives in HLG-IGIF: Algeria, Jordon

Arab States Members in the HLG-IGIF Working Groups: Algeria, Jordon, Morocco, United Arab Emirates, Kingdome of Saudi Arabia.

- Working Group on Improve Communication.
- Working Group on Strengthen Capacity Development.
- Working Group on Mobilize Sustainable Funding.



Working Group on Strengthen Capacity Development

Finalize and translate all IGIF materials, guides and tools

- The UN-GGIM: Arab States actively participate being a valuable part of the IGIF Translation Team.
- The UN-GGIM: Arab States (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) actively participated in the creation of the document “Comprehensive Approach for the Translation Process of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)”.
- According to the global experts' amendments to IGIF original version, a programme of work has been developed regarding the revision of the translation of the Implementation Guide second version from English language to Arabic Language.
- An ad hoc joint committee from the Kingdom of Morocco, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates was established to deal with translation reviewing and validation, and the UN-GGIM: Arab States Secretariat should carry out the final reviewing and acceptance of the translation.
- So far, SP1(completed) , SP6 & Solving the puzzle of IGIF Implementation Guide have been translated and are in reviewing process. Other Strategic Pathways are ongoing.



Working Group on Mobilize Sustainable Funding Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



- The UN GGIM is now exploring processes and modalities to mobilize sustainable funding for the program. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as a member of the High Level Group on Finance was assigned task 4[3] (a) and 4[3] (b) and is leading the following task:
 - The overarching goal of this task is to Provide guidance to help identify funding and estimate budget/investment for IGIF Country-level Action Plan implementation in developing countries.
 - 4[3] (a) - Funding guide for identifying target actions
 - 4[3] (b) - Funding guide for best practice benefit cost analysis



Saudi Arabia Support to digital IGIF documents

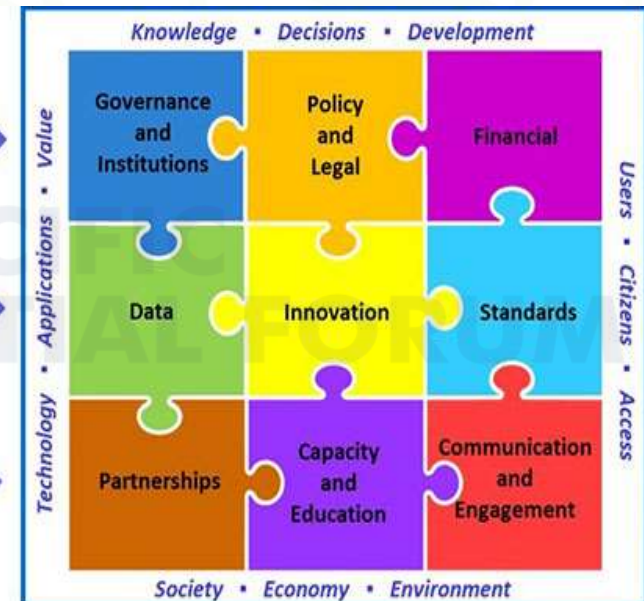
- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia extends its offer to fund the digital IGIF documents to be published as an IGIF Book under UN publication which will benefit global and next-generation experts and community.



Governance

Technology

People



Anchored by 9 Strategic Pathways, the Framework is a mechanism for articulating and demonstrating national leadership in geospatial information, and the capacity to take positive steps.



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