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# Welcome to Plenary Meeting by Host Country

Mr. Muh Aris Marfai

Head of Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia



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Mr. Simon Costello  
President of UN-GGIM-AP



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# Welcome to Plenary Meeting by the Secretariat

Ms. Tiziana Bonapace

Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division  
ESCAP

## Agenda Item 1

# Confirmation of Agenda

Mr. Simon Costello, President of UN-GGIM-AP



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## Agenda Item 2

# Report from UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat

Secretariat of UN-GGIM-AP



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# UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat

## Article 14 Secretariat

- The Secretariat of the Committee shall be the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP).
- The Secretariat shall
  - ✓ manage the continuing administrative affairs of the Committee;
  - ✓ facilitate and coordinate the Committee's activities;
  - ✓ prepare and submit reports on activities of the Committee to the UN-GGIM and relevant international bodies;
  - ✓ promote UN-GGIM guidelines to the members of the Committee.



# Work after 9<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting

- Implemented Resolution of the 9<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the UN-GGIM-AP, held in 3&5 November 2020
- Promoted ESCAP-wide implementation of SG's Data Strategy
- ESCAP published “Geospatial Practices for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific 2020: A Compendium”, 18 November 2020
- Organized regional seminar on IGIF and encouraged member States to operationalize the country-level action plan, Nov.&Dec.2020
- Facilitated Tonga, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia and Nepal to join the High-level Group of the IGIF (HLG-IGIF) , March 2021



- Supported members to join the meeting of UN-GGIM Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters, March 2021
- Supported regional members to participate in UN-GGIM Expanded Bureau meeting, March 2021
- Organized UN-GGIM-AP Regional Geodesy Forum, June 2021
- Distributed survey on readiness of operationalization of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) to NSOs, space and mapping departments of countries in the region
- Contributed to the publications by UN Geospatial Network
  - ✓ Geospatial for Action - Data and Insights for the Sustainable development Goals
  - ✓ Geospatial for Humanity - Prevention, Response and Recovery on the World Pandemic Covid-19



- Participated in a series of webinars as part of global activities led by UNSD and UN Geospatial Network
- Conducted research on outlines of conceptual framework for Asia-Pacific geospatial information platform and UN-GGIM-AP geospatial information service center, and reported to EB meeting, May 2021
- Build Back Better after covid-19 pandemic through
  - ✓ Operational platform of integrated geospatial information for decision making
  - ✓ Online trainings organized in June 2021 for ASEAN member countries
  - ✓ Good practices and improved platform to be shared with other countries



- Supported member States to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> session of UN-GGIM Plenary in late August 2021 (virtual meeting)
- Kept close communication with UNSD and Secretariat of UN-GGIM on promoting the implementation of global initiatives
- Worked closely with Geoscience Australia and the Government of Japan for their contribution to the work of the Secretariat through human, financial and technical support
- Supported the President, host country and WG Chairs on organization of the 10th Plenary Meeting of the Regional Committee



## Work plan 2022

- To implement Resolution of this 10<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting and relevant strategies/frameworks.
- To keep supporting the President, WG Chairs, and Members in meetings/webinars/projects etc.
- To keep contributing to UN-GGIM through providing inputs to global-level discussions and publications.
- To conduct, in early 2022 (tbc), a virtual regional meeting on the ECOSOC report titled UN-GGIM: Looking to the Future, with a view to enhancing support to UN-GGIM for strengthening the institutional arrangements of geospatial information management.



## Work plan 2022

- To collaborate with Secretariat of UN-GGIM and member States on building capacity and sharing experiences for the effective implementation of the IGIF and GSGF to support sustainable development in the region.
- To continue mobilizing regional resource and encourage more in-kind contributions from our member States to strengthen the Secretariat's service to the Regional Committee.
- To utilize UN-GGIM-AP website and other innovative means to promote the sharing of knowledge and experiences, and to strengthen regional cooperation related to geospatial information applications among member States, including capacity building activities to be organized by member States.



## Work plan 2022

- To continue strengthening regional cooperation in digital innovations to accelerate and augment traditional applications of geospatial information to effectively integrate data, geospatial information management, planning, decision-making and monitoring SDG implementation from ground, space and other sources.
- To launch “Geospatial Practices for Sustainable Development in Southeast Asia 2022: A Compendium” in October 2022.
- To support the World Geospatial Information Congress to be organized in India in October 2022.
- To organize physical EB meeting in Singapore in May 2022 and to organize 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting in Oct. 2022, including preparations for EB-elections and WG-renewal.



# Thank you



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## **Agenda Item 3**

# **Liaison Reports**

**Ms. Rosamond C. Bing**  
**Co-Chair of Bureau of UN-GGIM**  
**Ministry of Land and Natural Resources, Tonga**



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## Highlights from UN-GGIM Eleventh Session



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# Major Decisions

- Supported the establishment of an ad-hoc task team comprising the Bureau and ‘friends of the co-Chairs’ of UN-GGIM, together with additional volunteered resources and expertise offered by Member States, to lead preparations and consult on the report on the implementation of Resolution 2016/27 ‘Strengthening Institutional Arrangements on Geospatial Information Management’ to be submitted to the 2022 ECOSOC Session.
- Endorsed the Strategic Plan of the High-Level Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF); recognized the urgency of adequately resourcing the refinement and finalization of the Implementation Guide, update of the Overarching Strategic Framework and completing related resource materials to assist Member States in the development of their respective country-level action plans; and noted the pressing need to obtain sustained funding for the implementation and iterative development of the IGIF.
- Appreciated the efforts to establish a Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre in Deqing, China, and a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence at the United Nations Campus in Bonn, Germany.
- Adopted the ‘Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame’ and the ‘Concept Paper on Establishing a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence’ as key guidance documents to ensure the sustainability and enhancement of the Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Member States.



# Major Decisions

- Welcomed the convening of the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress, with the theme ‘Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind’, planned for the week of 10–14 October 2022, at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre in Hyderabad, India, and hosted by the Government of India through its Ministry of Science and Technology.
- Supported the development of the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap and its role in recognizing location-based information as official data for the SDGs and their global indicators. The Roadmap will directly bring the global geospatial and statistical communities closer together and foster greater geospatial-statistical integration in advancing the 2030 Agenda.
- Appreciated the significant progress in developing the Implementation Guide of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF), which provided both the geospatial and statistical communities with valuable guidance for identifying methodologies, techniques and approaches for implementing the GSGF and encouraged the completion of the Implementation Guide to provide pragmatic and understandable guidance for Member States.
- Endorsed the third edition of the Guide to the Role of Standards in Geospatial Information Management (Standards Guide) as a living online resource aligned with the IGIF (Strategic Pathway 6: Standards) to promote the use of standards for geospatial information management.



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*Looking to the Future ... .. time to invest in UN-GGIM*

**Strengthening Institutional Arrangements on  
Geospatial Information Management**

**KEEPING IT ALL TOGETHER!!**



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# Background

- UN-GGIM Expanded Bureau (meeting convened 11 March 2021) discussed the preparations to report back to ECOSOC on the implementation of resolution 2016/27 ‘Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management’.
- Supported by a detailed Draft Briefing Note, provided as a background document, at its Eleventh Session the Committee of Experts discussed the modalities and main elements of the proposed report to be submitted to the 2022 session of ECOSOC. Valuable insights were additionally provided by the Bureau and a group of Member States as ‘friends of the co-Chairs’.
- In making Decision 11/101, the Committee of Experts, *inter alia*, recognized the considerable achievements and increasing importance of UN-GGIM, whose multiple workstreams have had demonstrably positive impacts on both the global geospatial landscape and national development programs over the last ten years, but which **needs to be sustainably resourced** to effectively guide and support Member States in their efforts towards developing and maintaining integrated geospatial information capacities and capabilities going forward.
- On 28 September 2021, the UN-GGIM Bureau met informally to discuss and ‘brainstorm’ the outcomes from the Eleventh Session of the Committee of Experts. It was agreed that a key leadership task before the Bureau is to prepare, consult, finalize and submit UN-GGIM’s report on the implementation of Resolution 2016/27 to the 2022 ECOSOC Session ***in an inclusive and transparent review process***.



# UN-GGIM Bureau Informal Meeting

In this regard, several key points were reiterated, all of which are detailed in the provided Discussion Note:

- **Diplomatic Engagement:** This process must be ‘country-owned, country-led’ and with a significant obligation on Member States to engage their Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Missions to the UN in New York.
- **Drafting the Report:** The report must be succinct and coherent. Emphasize the value proposition, what can be offered but would need investing. Address the gap and value proposition in simple and appealing non-technical (diplomatic) language. A message could be ‘**time to invest in UN-GGIM**’ towards strengthening national geospatial information management arrangements.
- **Key messages:** What key messages will resonate with the diplomats and decision-makers? Key and simple messages that are anchored in policy and the needs of the UN. Why we need geospatial for the global policy concerns. Provide compelling examples of what can be achieved if we had an integrated geospatial infrastructure around the world. This is our offer. We offer a valuable product. But it needs to be sustained and invested in. UN-GGIM can ‘bring it all together’.
- **Communication:** Appropriate materials and opportunity to ‘communicate’ upwards to the diplomats, and across to Member States will be critical. This will greatly assist in informing stakeholders in preparation for the required ‘inclusive and transparent review process’. Regional committees of UN-GGIM are ready to support the process but will need supporting materials.



# Looking to the Future ... time to invest in UN-GGIM

- The Bureau and Friends of the co-Chairs Group met at the end of October and had an initial discussion on what are the key messages, what 'strengthened' institutional arrangement could be, and how to move forward.
- Given the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and lack of global resilience, the vision and mission of UN-GGIM is now more important than ever, but this needs to be communicated and better understood. There needs to be a compelling 'policy pitch'.
- To assist the Bureau and Friends of the co-Chairs Group, and the report to ECOSOC, inputs from UN-GGIM-AP will be valuable. Guided by the [Draft Briefing Note](#) provided to the Eleventh Session and the Discussion Note, the UN-GGIM-AP is requested to respond to the following 4 questions:
  1. ***What is the overall societal value proposition of geospatial information?***
  2. ***How do you see geospatial information best contributing to our global challenges into the future?***
  3. ***What are the key messages that will resonate with diplomats and decision-makers?***
  4. ***What do you see as the future of UN-GGIM and what we can offer?***  
***Nothing is out of scope! How do we look to the future, invest in UN-GGIM, and keep all the work of the past decade together for the next decade and beyond?***



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# Liaison Reports

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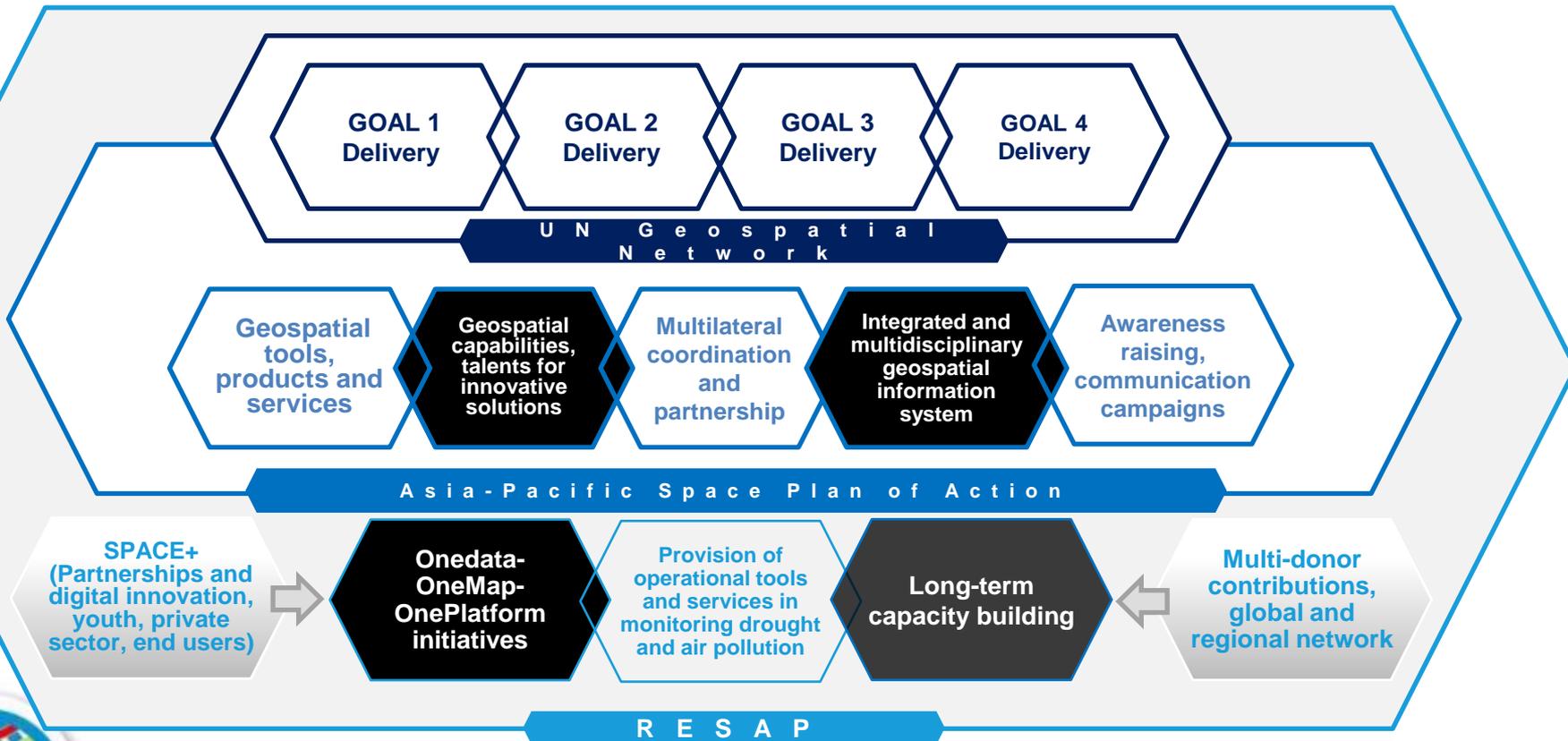


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# ESCAP and the UN Geospatial Strategy



# I. Meeting regional needs through enabling and integrative technologies, geospatial data and tools

- Continued **provision of satellite imagery** for disaster affected countries, even during COVID-19, with support of RESAP member countries and UNITAR/UNOSAT, for Cyclone in Pacific countries, recent flood in Thailand, Viet Nam, the Philippines and other Asian countries
- Promoted **sharing of good experiences** for better integrating the geospatial information applications to support achieving SDGs through webinars, publications and training workshop
- Explored **innovative approaches** to support countries with specific needs through online support, thematic training and field missions



# Bridging the science-policy gap for informed action



## RISK AND RESILIENCE PORTAL

An Initiative of the Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Network

HOME HAZARD HOTSPOTS ECONOMIC IMPACT ADAPTATION COST & PRIORITIES DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM COUNTRY ANALYSIS KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

*Launch of the Portal developed jointly  
by ESCAP and UNITAR/UN Satellite  
Centre*

### Asia Pacific Risk & Resilience Portal

Bridging the science policy gap for informed action

Data Explorer

700+  
Datasets

100+  
Policy documents

### Overview of Risk and Resilience in Asia Pacific

#### Hazard Hotspots

Examine the data on hazard exposure and assess the impacts and vulnerabilities for these hazards to develop crisis management and risk mitigation plans helping in hazard preparedness.

KNOW MORE

#### Economic Impact

A tool providing an overview of direct economic losses relative to global and gross domestic product as a result of hazards and natural disasters over the years across various regions in Asia-Pacific.

KNOW MORE

#### Adaptation Cost and Priorities

Access the graphs and information on cost and priorities of climate adaptation in different Asia-Pacific subregions in order to strengthen resilience, warning systems and preparedness mechanisms.

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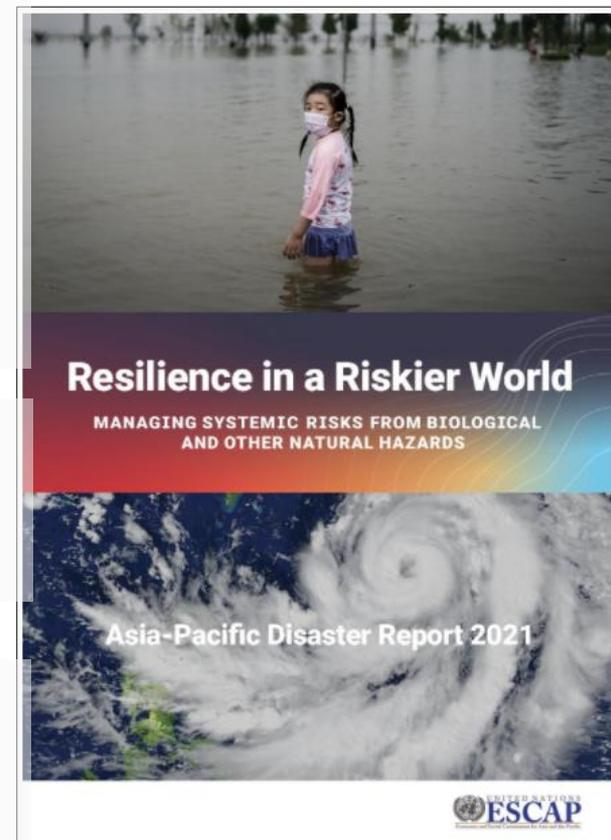
# Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2021: Resilience in a Riskier World

Launched on 25 August 2021

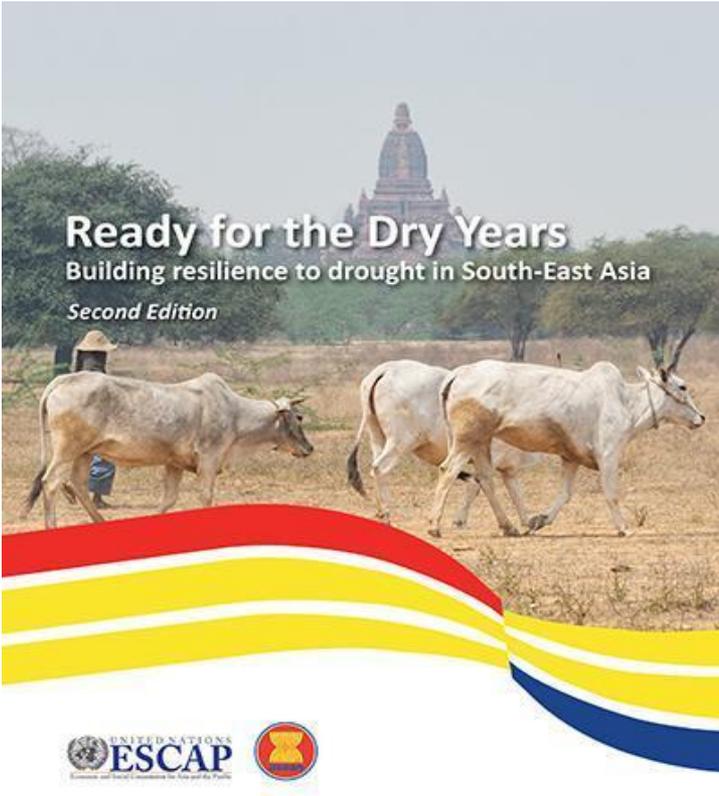
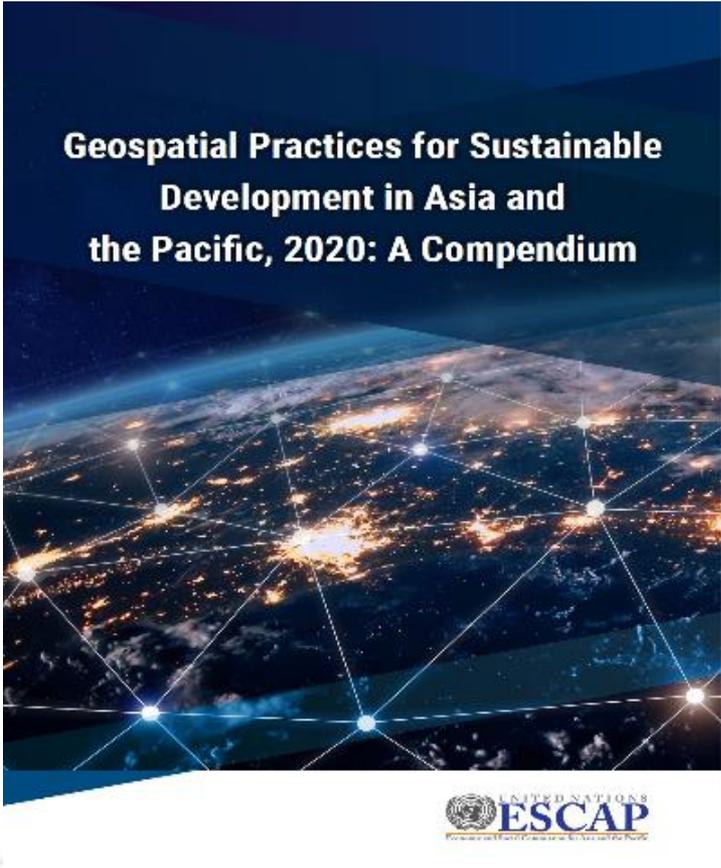
**A scale-up of regional and subregional cooperation strategies** that integrate disasters to complement national efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

**Further capacity-building activities** to manage and mitigate cascading risks using innovative technology tools

**Technical advice and capacity building** on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction



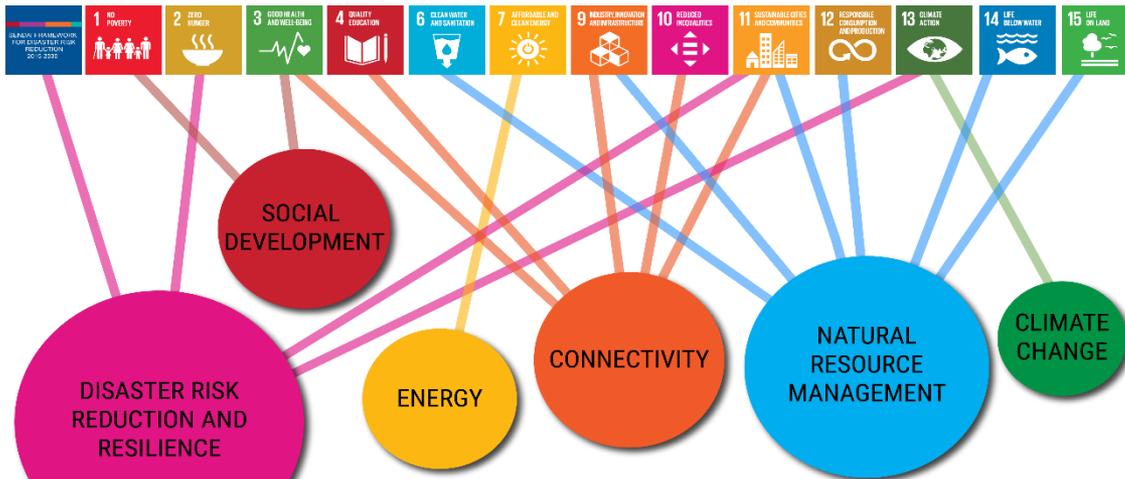
# Knowledge Products on Space Applications



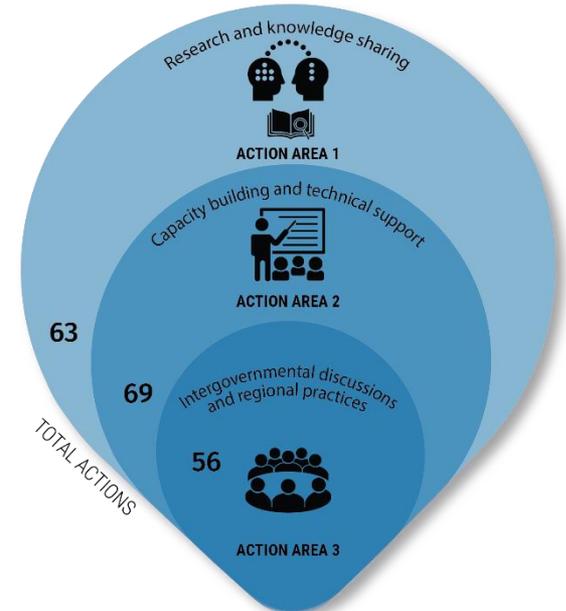
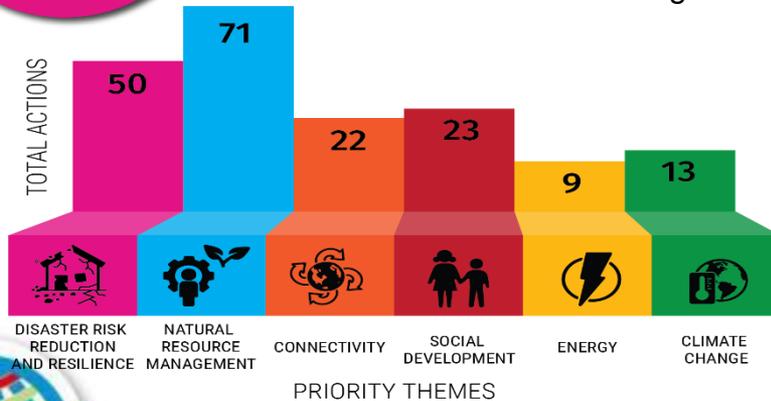


# II. Implementation of the Regional Space Plan of Action (2018-2030)

## Integrating Geospatial Dimensions for a Sustainable Asia-Pacific



188 Actions for 37 Targets of 14 SDGs + SFDRR



### Vision

Member States in the Asia-Pacific region can access and use space science, technology and its applications to the fullest extent at the national and regional levels to achieve the goals set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



## II. Implementation of the Regional Space Plan of Action (2018-2030)

1. Encouraged the member countries to contribute to the initiatives on **One-data-One-map-One-platform** and **regional geospatial information gateway**, which will facilitate sharing and integrating geospatial data for implementation of the Plan of Action
2. Enhanced regional cooperation on **SPACE+ for our Earth and the Future**: digital innovations, engagement of youth, end-users, private sector, management of geospatial information and partnership
3. Asia-Pacific Regional **Youth Forum** on Innovative Applications of Space Technology for Better Future, Dec.2020
4. Preparation for the **4<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific**, 27 October 2022, in Indonesia.



# Project on GEMS



## GEMS :

Geostationary Environment Monitoring Spectrometer (GEMS) is **UV-visible spectrometers** to monitor **air pollutants** (O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, HCHO, CHOCHO, and aerosols) at an unprecedented spatial and temporal resolution from a geostationary Earth orbit for the first time.



## 20 Asian countries in GEMS domain



# Building a regional gateway for sharing geospatial data and operational modalities

One Data

One Map

One Platform

Same Location

Land Development Division

Land Use

Transport Division

Road Density

Statistical Bureau

Population

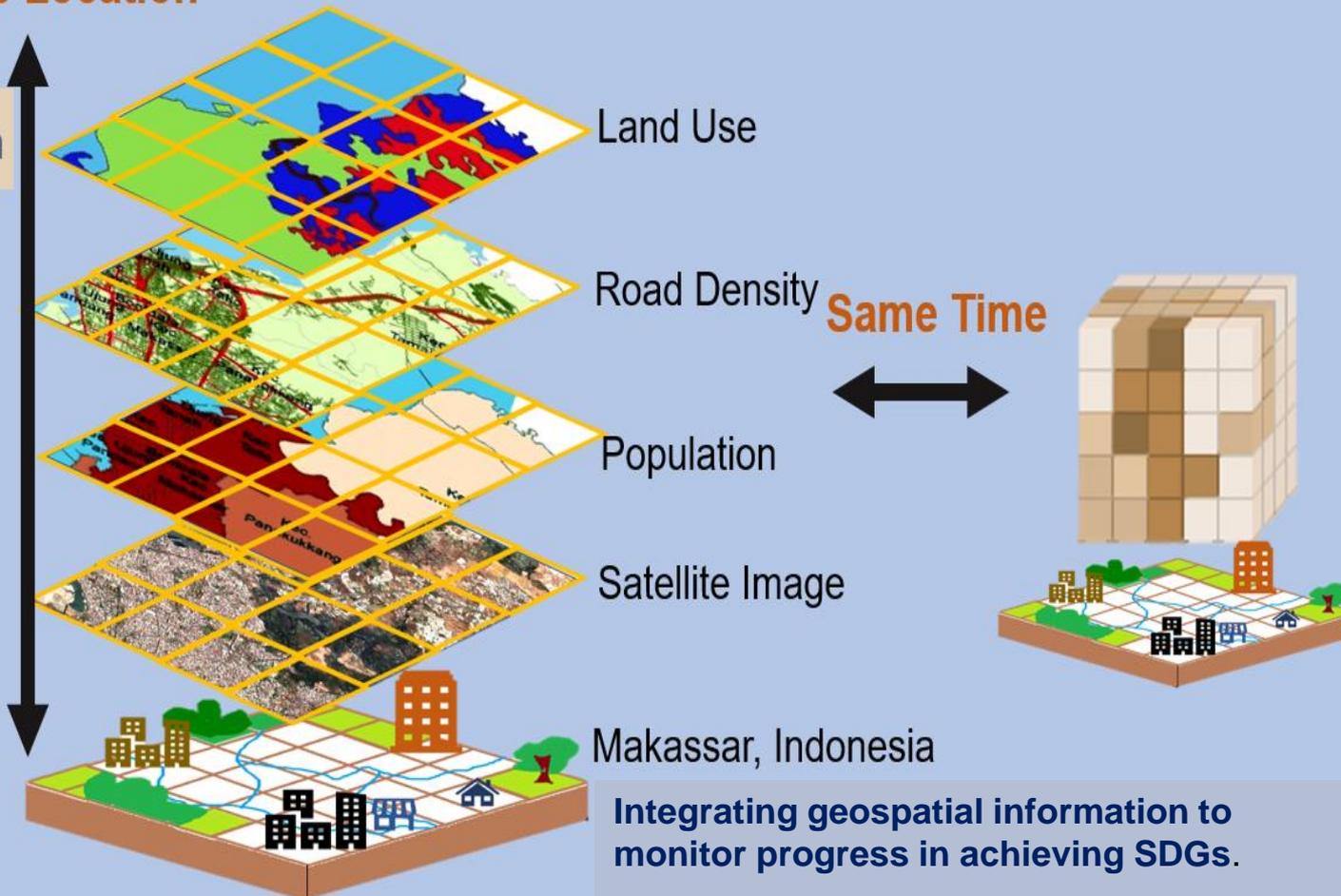
Space Agency

Satellite Image

Local

Makassar, Indonesia

Same Time



Integrating geospatial information to monitor progress in achieving SDGs.



## Closing the Loop

**UNESCAP** supported by the **Government of Japan** are undertaking a new project entitled, "Closing the Loop".

This initiative aims to **reduce the environmental impact of ASEAN cities by addressing plastic waste pollution entering the marine environment.**



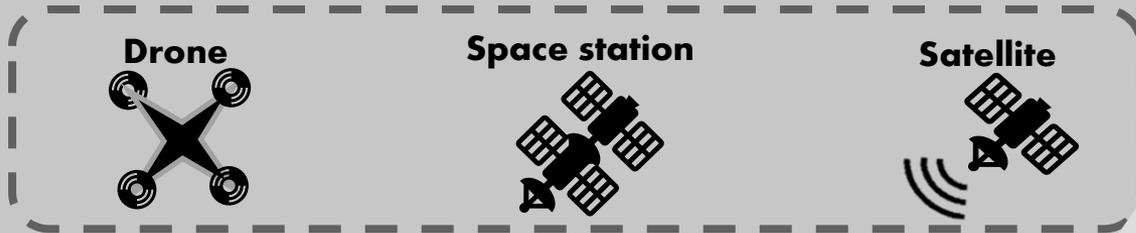
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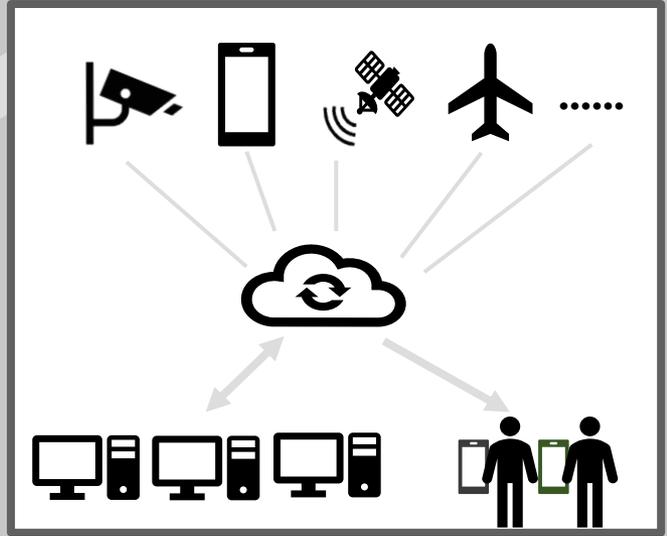
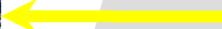


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**Remote sensing**



**Crowdsourced data from ground**



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## Agenda Item 4

# Working Group & Network Reports

## Report from WG1: Geodetic Reference Frame

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Geospatial Information Authority of Japan



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## Agenda Item 4

# Working Group & Network Reports

## Report from WG2: Cadastre and Land Management

Mr. TaeBum Lee

LX Corporation Korea



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## Agenda Item 4

# Working Group & Network Reports

## Report from WG3: Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics

Mr. Antonius Bambang Wijanarto

Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia



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## Agenda Item 5

# Election of the Executive Board

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# Current UN-GGIM-AP EB since Nov.2018

1. President (Australia)
2. Vice Presidents (China, Japan and Mongolia)
3. Executive Board (Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Tonga)
4. Secretariat: UN ESCAP



# Relevant Articles in Statutes

## Article 10 Executive Board

- The Committee shall elect an Executive Board consisting of: The President, Three Vice Presidents, and Other Members **(up to nine)**.
- The term of the Executive Board shall be **three years**. The President, Vice Presidents and Executive Board Members shall be **elected every three years** at the triennial plenary meeting of the Committee. The President and Vice Presidents may be re-elected, but shall not serve **more than two consecutive terms** in that office.
- Each Working Group shall, where possible, be chaired by a member of the Executive Board, but if this is not the case then Chairs of Working Groups will be ex-officio members of the Executive Board, and become an addition to the defined Executive Board positions.



# Relevant Articles in Statutes

## Article 11 Functions of Executive Board

- **Plan and coordinate** the Committee work program between plenary sessions of the Committee;
- **Plan and manage** the activities that the Committee undertakes for the UN-GGIM in consultation with the United Nations;
- **Make recommendations** on objectives, activities and work programs to the Committee;
- **Coordinate funding proposals** to aid agencies;
- **Represent the interests** of the Asia and Pacific region in the world's geospatial information management community;
- Take opportunities to **give presentations** to related bodies at conferences and other relevant events;
- **Examine and approve** all the meetings organized or sponsored in the name of the Committee.



# Rule of Procedure on election

## Rule 19

- All elections shall be held by *secret ballot, unless otherwise decided* by the Committee.

## Rule 20

- In the case when one person or one delegation is to be elected and no candidate obtained the required majority in the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken, which shall be restricted to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes in the first ballot.

## Rule 21

- In the case when a vote is equally divided on matters other than elections, a second vote shall be taken. If this vote is also equally divided, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.



## Ad hoc EB meeting, 3 August 2021

- Due to the restrictions of COVID-19, it is difficult to conduct the election by secret ballot virtually (no online secret ballot tool available).
- EB made consensus on a proposal on extension of the EB members, President and Vice Presidents by one year on an exception basis arising from technical difficulties of secret ballot under the virtual setting due to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic, i.e., Executive Board proposes that UN-GGIM-AP holds the election of new EB members during the 11th Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in 2022.



## After ad hoc EB meeting

- The President sent an email to all focal points in UN-GGIM-AP member States on 21 October 2021 to seek consensus on one year extension of the EB members, President and Vice Presidents.
- 13 Confirmation on supporting the recommendations of EB has been received (China, Fiji, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Tonga, Tuvalu, Viet Nam).



## To be endorsed by the 10<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting

- 1) *One-year extension of the EB members, President and Vice Presidents on an exception basis arising from technical difficulties of secret ballot under the virtual setting due to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic.*
- 2) *UN-GGIM-AP holds the election of new EB members during the 11th Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in 2022.*



## Agenda Item 6

# Establishment of the Working Groups

Secretariat of UN-GGIM-AP



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## Article 13 Working Groups

- Working Groups shall **report regularly to the Committee** on their activities, together with recommendations for consideration by the Committee.
- Each Working Group shall, where possible, be chaired by a Member of the Executive Board, but in the case of a Working Group Chair not being a Board Member then he/she will be an ex-officio member of the Board.
- Working Group Chairs are able to **appoint coordinators for key activities** within their work program and these coordinators may report to the Working Group Chairs.
- In so far as they are applicable, the Rules of Procedures set forth from the Committee shall also apply to the procedures of the working groups.

## Article 15 Occurrence of Meetings

- At every third plenary meeting of the Committee, the Executive Board shall report on the activities over the last three-year term; the **existing Working Groups shall be renewed or concluded.**



# Ad hoc EB meeting, 3 August 2021

- The Secretariat briefed EB members that it needs to be considered whether the current WGs continue or new WGs are established until the 11th Plenary in 2022. Taking the ongoing covid-19 pandemic into account, it is proposed that the current WGs shall be extended for one year.
- EB made consensus on the proposal on the one-year extension of Working Groups.



## After ad hoc EB meeting

- The President sent an email to all focal points in UN-GGIM-AP member States on 21 October 2021 to seek consensus on one year extension of current WGs.
- 13 Confirmation on supporting the recommendations of EB has been received (China, Fiji, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Tonga, Tuvalu, Viet Nam).



## To be endorsed by the 10<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting

1) *One-year extension of Working Groups including:*

*-WG1: Geodetic Reference Frame*

*-WG2: Cadastre and Land Management*

*-WG3: Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics*

2) *UN-GGIM-AP will decide whether the current WGs continue or new WGs are established during the 11th Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in 2022.*



## Agenda Item 7

# Resolutions

Mr. Simon Costello, President of UN-GGIM-AP



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# Closing Remarks

Mr. Simon Costello, President of UN-GGIM-AP



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# Thank you !

## See you in Hyderabad, India



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