

Regional Seminar on Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF)

Wednesday, 27th November 2024
14:00 Hrs. – 17:30 Hrs. (IST/UTC+05:30)
Leader's Lounge, Level-2 (First Floor), Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

About IGIF

The Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), developed by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), provides a structured approach to managing and utilizing geospatial data across various sectors, enabling better decision-making for sustainable development initiatives. IGIF provides a comprehensive blueprint for enhancing national and global geospatial information infrastructures. It offers a structured approach to improve geospatial data governance, interoperability, accessibility, and integration within the context of national development priorities, including the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This one-day seminar aims to raise awareness of the IGIF, explore its benefits, and provide a platform for discussion on how governments, organizations, and stakeholders can leverage the framework to enhance their geospatial information systems for better decision-making and development outcomes.

About IGIF Implementation

There is broad global consensus, support, and agreement on the critical importance of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) and its Implementation Guide to develop, integrate, and strengthen national geospatial information management arrangements in Member States. Many Member States are now developing IGIF Country-level Action Plans in order to address increasingly complex national, regional, and global challenges and to support the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and other global development agendas.

During this event, information will be provided on the progress and activities of the IGIF High level Group (HLG) and its work groups with an aim to create awareness of key work underway to support Member States at global level. Work group members will highlight progress and invite engagement from participants. Efforts have been made to provide an opportunity for the participants from Member States to share their experiences advancing the IGIF and developing Country-level Action Plans.

Seminar Objectives

- **Introduction to the IGIF framework**, its relevance in the context of sustainable development and effective governance.
- **To Raise Awareness** about the importance of integrated geospatial information management for national development.
- **To foster dialogue** on the challenges and opportunities in IGIF Implementation at local, National, and regional levels.



- To showcase best practices, sharing experiences and case studies on the application of IGIF in different sectors.
- To discuss on approaches for capacity building in IGIF Implementation and its role of geospatial information in achieving the SDGs and strengthening data ecosystems for evidence-based decision-making.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

| SESSION-1: IGIF Implementation (14.00 – 15.30 p.m.) | |
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| 1. Welcome & Opening Remarks ❖ Mr Pankaj Mishra, India Chair, UNGGIM-AP WG-IV (IGIF) | 14.00 – 14.05 p.m. |
| 2. UN-IGIF Implementation ❖ Mr. James Norris, International Policy Lead and Chair, UNGGIM Europe WG on IGIF, Ordnance Survey | 14.05 – 14.25 p.m. |
| 3. Sustainable Funding for IGIF Implementation ❖ Mr. Syed Nasrullah, Office of President International Relations, GEOSA, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia | 14.25 – 14.45 p.m. |
| 4. IGIF Implementation Actions ❖ Mr. Jang Hyun-Jin, Deputy Director, NGII, Korea | 14.45 – 15.05 p.m. |
| 5. IGIF for National Geospatial Information Management ❖ Dr Li Pengde, Director, UNGGKIC | 15.05– 15.30 p.m. |
| Tea/Coffee Break | 15.30 – 16.00 p.m. |
| SESSION-2: Sharing Experiences & Capacity Building (16.00 – 17.30 p.m.) | |
| 6. Experiences in IGIF Implementation: Case study ❖ Dr Milap Punia, Professor, JNU, India | 16.00 – 16.25 p.m. |
| 7. The Governance of Geospatial Information in Indonesia ❖ Dr. Tandang Yuliadi Dwi Putra, Geospatial Information Agency (BIG), Indonesia | 16:25 – 16.50 p.m. |
| 8. Panel Discussion: IGIF Implementation Strategy and Approach Moderator: ❖ Dr S. M. Zaffar Sadiq Mohammed Ghouse, Chair, UNGGIM PSN Panelists: ❖ David Henderson, Chief Geospatial Officer, Ordnance Survey ❖ Dr Victor Khoo, Director, Survey & Geomatics, SLA, Singapore ❖ Ms Maree Wilson, Chief of Place & Communities Division, Geoscience Australia ❖ Mr Vilami Folau, Dy CEO, Min of Lands & Natural Resources, Tonga ❖ Ms Meizyanne Hicks, Geospatial Div, Min of Lands & Mineral Resources, Fiji ❖ Mr Sanjay Kumar, CEO, Geospatial World | 16:50-17:20 p.m. |
| 9. Closing Remarks, Summary of Discussions ❖ Mr. Pankaj Mishra, India Chair WG- IV (IGIF) | 17.20 - 17.30 p.m. |

