

Summary Report

Meeting of the Executive Board of UN-GGIM-AP

Date: Tuesday, 3 June 2025

Time: 10:00 – 17:30 (UTC+8)

Venue: Deqing, Zhenjiang Province, China (In-person)

Mr. Antonius Wijanarto, President of UN-GGIM-AP opened the meeting. Ms. Wenli Feng, Director General of the Science and Technology Department, Ministry of Natural Resources of China and Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director of the UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat (by Ms. Shiyue Fan) delivered the welcome remarks on behalf of the host and the Secretariat of UN-GGIM-AP, respectively. The meeting continued with introductions by all Executive Board members and observers, followed by a briefing on the agenda and structure. The list of participants is in Annex 1. The Agenda is in Annex 3.

Decisions

1. Election of new Executive Board

The Board held an in-depth discussion on the upcoming election of the new Executive Board for the 2025–2028 term. Relevant statutory provisions on term limits, nomination procedures, and voting rules were reviewed, and members agreed on the following next steps and deadlines: (1) By 1 July 2025, the Secretariat, under instructions from the President, shall provide Members, Advisors, and Observers with a written notice regarding the date, venue, and the agenda for the 14th Plenary meeting of the UN-GGIM-AP. (2) By 5 July 2025, the President will send a letter to ALL member countries of the AP Committee to request them to consider the election of EB and informally express their interest in being the EB members, President and Vice-President; the letter should be sent to current focal points of the UN-GGIM-AP in a country and copy the Permanent Representatives to ESCAP. (3) The feedback from member countries should be submitted to the Secretariat by 30 July 2025. (4) the Secretariat will report to the President by 10 August. The Board also discussed procedures in case of under- or over-nomination and whether current EB members wished to serve a second term.

2. Working Groups

Regarding Working Groups, the Board evaluated the continuation of current groups and considered new themes such as the AI Working Group, Young Geospatial Leaders Network, and the Virtual Technical Advisory Group for the Pacific. Members noted potential overlaps with existing groups and suggested that new priorities be identified

based on the forthcoming UN-GGIM Strategic Framework 2025–2030. The final formal discussion and decision will be made at the 14th Plenary Meeting.

3. The 14th Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP

Mr. Cho Woosug from National Geospatial Information Institute (NGII, Republic of Korea) provided an update on the preparation for the 14th UN-GGIM-AP Plenary Meeting, scheduled for 25–26 September 2025 at KINTEX 2 in Ilsan. Side events, including the Global Seminar “Geo-Innovation & Geo-Solution” and the 2025 K-GEO Festa, are planned for 24 September. Speaker nominations are open. The proposed agenda includes executive and liaison reports, elections, WG establishment, and adoption of resolutions. The Board discussed the meeting format (hybrid or in-person), timing of related WG and EB meetings, and the deadline for contributions to the Secretariat’s 2022–2025 report (by 31 August).

4. Preparations for the Fifteenth Session of UN-GGIM

Finally, preparations for the Fifteenth Session of UN-GGIM were reviewed, including the organization of a regional side event.

5. Next Steps:

- **By 18 June 2025:** the secretariat to share the Regional Report with all the UN-GGIM-AP members for input and comments.
- **By 30 June 2025:** Members to give feedback on the regional report and submit activity highlights.
- **By 1 July 2025:** The Secretariat, under the President’s instruction, will issue formal notice to all Members, Advisors, and Observers regarding the date, venue, and agenda of the 14th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP.
- **By 5 July 2025:** The President will send a letter to all member countries of the Asia-Pacific Committee, inviting them to consider nominating candidates for the Executive Board, including the roles of President and Vice Presidents.
- **By 30 July 2025:** Member countries are requested to submit their feedback and informal expressions of interest to the Secretariat.
- **By 10 August 2025:** The Secretariat will compile and report the feedback received from member countries to the President.

6. Other matters

The President also encouraged all member countries to acknowledge the important

work of the UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat, hosted by ESCAP, in their country statements at the upcoming Fifteenth Session of UN-GGIM. In view of the current financial constraints facing the United Nations, such expressions of appreciation at the global level would help advocate for the continued allocation of human and financial resources to sustain and strengthen the Secretariat's role in supporting regional cooperation.

The Executive Board further expressed its sincere gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China for sponsoring the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) who has been supporting the Regional Secretariat. The JPO's significant and invaluable contributions were recognized as a key element in ensuring the Secretariat's continued efficiency and coordination capacity.

The meeting concluded with closing remarks by the President and a photo session, expressing appreciation to all participants and inviting them to actively engage in the upcoming 14th Plenary Meeting in the Republic of Korea.

- Annexes:** 1. List of Participants
2. Photos
3. Agenda

Annex 1 List of Participants

1. Mr. Antonius Bambang Wijanarto (President, Indonesia)
2. Mr. Hitesh Kumar Sanjay Kumar Makwana (Vice-President, India)
3. Mr. Yo Iida (Vice-President, Japan)
4. Mr. Victor Khoo Hock Soon (Vice-President, Singapore)
5. Ms. Wenli Feng (EB Member, China)
6. Mr. Seyed Eskandar Seydaei (EB Member, Islamic Republic of Iran)
7. Mr. Enkhmanlai Anand (EB Member, Mongolia)
8. Mr. Cho Woosug (EB Member, Republic of Korea)
9. Mr. Aleksei Trifonov (EB Member, Russian Federation)
10. Mr. Pankaj Mishra (Working Group 4 Chair, India)
11. Mr. Shu Peng (Working Group 3 Vice-Chair, China)
12. Mr. Pardeep Singh (Working Group 2 Vice-Chair, India)

13. Ms. Xiaohong Jiang (China)
14. Mr. Nima Ghasemloo (Islamic Republic of Iran)
15. Ms. Taeka Miyashita (Japan)
16. Mr. Soichiro Takesaki (Japan)
17. Mr. Ikhubayar Tsevelmaa (Mongolia)
18. Ms. Misheel Altan-Erdene (Mongolia)
19. Mr. Jang Hyunjin (Republic of Korea)
20. Mr. Myeonghun Jeong (Republic of Korea)
21. Mr. Roy Yuen Ze Min (Singapore)
22. Ms. Shiyue Fan (ESCAP, Secretariat)

Apologies:

23. Ms. Maree Wilson (EB Member, Australia)
24. Ms. Meizyanne Hicks (EB Member, Fiji)
25. Sr Hazri bin Hassan (EB Member, Malaysia)
26. Mr. Prakash Joshi (EB Member, Nepal)

Annex 2 Photos



UN-GGIM-AP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 03 June 2025

**Maison New Century Hotel Huzhou Deqing,
Zhejiang Province, China**

1. Background

The Regional Committee of the United Nations on Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) is committed to advancing the integration of geospatial technologies for sustainable development. The Executive Board (EB) is a key body that guides the Committee's strategic and operational priorities. As stipulated in the Statutes, the EB is elected for a three-year term at the triennial plenary meeting. The current Executive Board has been in office since November 2022 and will conclude its term by late 2025. In preparation for the 14th Plenary Meeting scheduled in 2025, this EB meeting aims to deliberate on the election process for new EB members, as well as to discuss proposals for the renewal and reorganization of Working Groups.

2. Objectives

- Review the outcomes from UN-GGIM-AP 13 and the current EB activities.
- Plan the election of a new EB (President, Vice Presidents, and other members) to serve a three-year term at the upcoming plenary meeting.
- Discuss and reconfirm the nomination procedures and election rules, including secret ballot protocols and continuity of current EB members.
- Discuss proposed new themes for Working Groups and decide whether to renew, conclude, or establish new groups in alignment with global geospatial priorities (e.g., UNSD guidelines, UN-GGIM-AP Resolutions).
- Report of the host for the 14th Plenary Meeting and related preparatory sessions.

3. Expected Outcomes

- Confirmed election plan and nomination procedure for the new EB.
- Agreement on key amendments to the statutory framework related to the election process.
- Consensus on renewal or restructuring of the Working Groups.
- Preparation for the upcoming 14th Plenary Meeting with confirmed logistics and a proposed agenda.

4. Agenda Programme

10:00-10:15 Opening Session			
A. Opening Remarks by President	Mr. Antonius Wijanarto		<i>5 mins</i>
B. Welcome by the host	Ms. Wenli Feng		<i>5 mins</i>
C. Welcome Remarks by UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat	Ms. Tiziana Bonapace		<i>5 mins</i>
10:15-12:00 Session 1			
Agenda item 1: Introduction of all EB members and observers	Participants		<i>20 mins</i>
Agenda item 2: Briefing on Agenda, organization of the meeting	Mr. Antonius Wijanarto		<i>10 mins</i>
Agenda item 3: Briefing from UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat	Secretariat (TBC)		<i>15 mins</i>
Agenda item 4: Working Groups Progress Report	WG1 Chair (TBC)		<i>15mins</i>
WG1: Geodetic Reference Frame			<i>15mins</i>
WG2: Cadastre and Land Management	WG2 Chair (TBC)		<i>15mins</i>
WG3: Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics	WG3 Chair (TBC)		<i>15mins</i>
WG4: Integrated Geospatial Information Framework	WG4 Chair (TBC)		
12:00-13:00 Lunch Break			
13:00-15:00 Session 2			
Agenda item 5: Discussion on the election of President, Vice Presidents and new EB members	Moderator: Mr. Antonius Wijanarto		
A. Introduction by the Secretariat	Secretariat		<i>15 mins</i>
B. In-depth Discussion	Participants		<i>45 mins</i>
Agenda item 6: Proposed new themes of WGs (including the Virtual Technical Advisory Group for the Pacific, the Young Geospatial Leaders Network and AI Working Group)	Moderator: Mr. Antonius Wijanarto		
A. Introduction by the Secretariat	Secretariat		<i>15 mins</i>
B. In-depth Discussion	Participants		<i>45 mins</i>

15:00-15:30 Tea Break

15:30-17:10 Session 3

**Agenda item 7: Preparations for the Fourteenth
Plenary Meeting of UN- GGIM-AP**

Moderator: Mr.
Antonius
Wijanarto

A. Introduction by the Host

Mr Cho (NGII, ROK) *15 mins*

B. Proposed agenda

Secretariat *15 mins*

C. In-depth Discussion

Participants *30 mins*

**Agenda item 8: Preparations for the Fifteenth
Session of UN-GGIM**

20 mins

Agenda item 9: Other matters

20 mins

17:10-17:20 Closing Session

17:20-17:30 Photo Session

18:00-20:00 Welcome Dinner by Host

5. Next Steps

- The Secretariat will circulate detailed minutes and a summary report of the discussions by **mid-June**.
- Member countries will be invited to submit their nominations and feedback on the EB election process by **30 July 2025**.
- Host for the 14th Plenary meeting will make a report at the 15th UN-GGIM meeting in New York in **early August 2025**.
- **Preparatory meetings** (virtual or in-person) will be organized ahead of the 14th Plenary Meeting to consolidate input from the EB and Working Groups.