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Expert consultation to enhance national geospatial information management arrangements and accelerate the achievement of the SDGs

10 November 2023

Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel

Kuta, Bali, Indonesia

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Context

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) [resolution 2022/24](#), adopted on 22 July 2022, reiterated the importance of strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), particularly for the achievement of its operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF), to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States. The resolution also updated and modernized the Committee's Terms of Reference (as annexed to the resolution). With a vision to position geospatial information to effectively address global challenges and specifically in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the objectives and functions of the Committee of Experts include to provide a platform for the development of effective strategies on how to strengthen national capacity concerning geospatial information, especially in developing countries.

The [Thirteenth Session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management](#) (UN-GGIM) focused on the urgent needs to enhance national geospatial information management to support accelerated achievements of the SDGs leveraging the UN-IGIF, which provides the overarching paradigm¹ and means to develop, integrate, strengthen and maximize geospatial information management and related leadership and resources in all countries. In making decision 13/101(h)², the Committee of Experts recognized the “efforts of developing countries to enhance and support the leadership roles within national geospatial and mapping agencies to ensure that effective geospatial information management contributes to increased geospatial capacities and capabilities, and shared knowledge for geospatial enablement across and within Member States”.

Logistical Information

This consultation will be held in **Meeting Room 1** at the **Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel**, Kuta, Bali, Indonesia from 09:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, 10 November 2023. This expert consultation is open to expert representatives of Member States participating in the twelfth plenary meeting of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Regional Committee for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP).

¹ E/2022/46-E/C.20/2021/16, Decision 11/103(g) of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its eleventh session

² E/2024/46-E/C.20/2023/19, Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its thirteenth session



The twelfth plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP will be held in Conference Room 2 at the Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel from 10:00 a.m. to 17:30 p.m. on Thursday, 9 November 2023.

Language

The expert consultation will be conducted in English.

Expert Consultation

This expert consultation is the second of five proposed consultations contributing to the review and refinement of the United Nations approach supporting Member States to enhance their national geospatial information management arrangement and accelerating the achievement of the SDGs through their implementation of the UN-IGIF according to their national circumstances. The approach remains inclusive, integrated, country-owned country led and fully cognizant of national realities and priorities. This 'self-paced, discover and learn' will also need to be broadened and embraced by the recently operationalized or soon to be established UN Centres of Excellence to ensure coordination, coherence and avoidance of duplication as required by the Committee of Experts.

This second expert consultation, organized with the support of the UN-GGIM-AP secretariat, Space Applications Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, seeks to engage participating geospatial leaders and experts from Member States in Asia and the Pacific, to listen, discuss, and understand key elements of their national efforts towards enhancing their national geospatial information management arrangements, leadership, resources and capacities through their implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF).

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1) Welcome, agenda and introductions

Brief welcome, outline of the agenda and recognition of participants.

- Welcome and agenda
TEO CheeHai, UNGGIMS/SD/DESA

2) Setting the scene

- Presentation: Setting the scene
The operational focus of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information management, the geospatially enabled evidence for good policy development and decision making to deliver national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals. The United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework is the overarching strategy and mechanism for enhancing national geospatial information management leadership, resources and capacities towards transformational change.
TEO CheeHai, UNGGIMS/SD/DESA
- Moderated open discussion

3) Operationalizing the UN-IGIF at the country-level – National circumstances, efforts and accomplishments

Moderated interactions with invited geospatial leaders from Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, and Saudi Arabia to consider and appreciate their national circumstances, efforts, progress-to-date, challenges addressed and accomplishments (invited geospatial leaders should come prepared to interact with their peers and participants including, if appropriate, preparing succinct presentations on their national efforts and accomplishments, results of their national assessments, draft action plans, in sharing their respective journeys to implement the UN-IGIF at the country-level and accelerating the achievements of the SDGs).

- Moderated and open interactions

4) Accelerating the achievement of the SDGs

Moderated interactions with invited geospatial leaders from Fiji and Tonga to consider and appreciate national efforts including developing and standing up SDG data hubs to provide the geospatial information and the integration of statistics and other data for the production of SDGs and national development indicators for accelerating the achievement of the SDGs and national development priorities. (Invited geospatial leaders should come prepared to interact with their peers and participants including, if appropriate, preparing succinct presentations on their SDG data hubs in sharing their respective journeys to report and visualize the achievements of national development priorities and the SDGs)

- Moderated and open interactions

5) Summary and close

All participants to consider key observations, good practices and exemplars, and lessons learnt in operationalizing the UN-IGIF, the umbrella framework for Member States, to accelerate their achievements of national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals

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