

First Virtual Meeting of the Working Group 2 (Integrated Geospatial information for Effective Land Administration) of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific

14 January 2026
1500H – 1600H (UTC+8)

Summary Notes

The meeting was attended by 10 participants, from Malaysia, China, Singapore, Azerbaijan, Australia, the Maldives, and Fiji. The Chair (Singapore) opened the meeting, welcomed participants and outlined the agenda:

1. Welcome, introductions, and confirmation of the agenda for the meeting
2. Discussion on Working Group 2's term priorities for 2025-2028
3. Case studies and presentations by Member States
4. Open discussion and Q&A by Member States
5. Confirmation of Virtual Meeting 02/2026 for Working Group 2
6. Any other related matters

1. Working Group 2's Term Priorities for 2025-2028

The Chair provided an overview of Working Group 2 (WG2) priorities for the term, highlighting the key takeaways and insights established by attendees from the previous physical meeting during the Plenary Meeting in Goyang, South Korea. Key decisions include strengthening Member States' engagement with the private sector to leverage on new technologies, facilitating knowledge exchange and the sharing of best practices between Member States, advancing digital transformation through collaborative group initiatives, and the establishment of regular quarterly meetings to maintain regular engagement with Member States.

The discussion between Member States that followed highlighted that Member States remain unaware of each other's actions and progress towards digital transformation. Member States agreed that using WG2 as a platform to share vital information on digital transformation is crucial for facilitating collaboration and knowledge sharing. Australia highlighted that encouraging some Member States to share resources, public information, and links with leaders in the private sector could encourage others to adopt such platforms, providing support to those in the WG.

2. Case studies and presentations by Member States

Singapore presented an overview of its journey to transform the cadastral system in Singapore through the establishment of new systems and workflows to facilitate digital submission of cadastral works. Singapore also highlighted the importance of working with other stakeholders to develop comprehensive requirements that meet digital strata survey,

modelling, and submission standards and acknowledged that work is still in progress to improve this system.

Australia delivered a presentation focusing on youth engagement, highlighting the creation of a youth experience programme aimed at recruiting surveying talent in Australia and promoting formal education in surveying and geomatics. Member States showed much interest in the programme, with discussions on overcoming the projected hurdles and creating buy-in for the programme with both the private and public sectors.

3. Open Discussion and Q&A by Member States

No further matters were brought up for discussion.

4. Confirmation of Virtual Meeting 02/2026 for Working Group 2

The tentative date for the next meeting of WG2 is set for 17 April 2026 (Friday), 1500H-1600H (UTC +8). The Chair highlighted that the agenda for that meeting is to be confirmed and that greater clarity on the topics of interest would be obtained once WG2 is able to create a platform for knowledge consolidation and transfer. The Chair also requested that Member States promote WG2 and the importance of the meeting to encourage engagement between Member States.

With no further matters to discuss, the meeting ended at 1600H (UTC +8)