

UN-GGIM-AP Executive Board Meeting

03 July 2020

01:00 – 03:00pm (UTC+7 Bangkok time)

(UTC 06:00 – 08:00am)

Virtual meeting via MS Teams

Minutes

Chair: Ms. Alison Rose, President of UN-GGIM-AP

Decisions

1. The meeting highlighted the importance of innovative applications for geospatial information management and regional cooperation will be critical for continued work on Geodetic Reference Frame, Cadastre and Land Management, the Integration of Geospatial Information and Statistic, especially regarding the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) and the fight against COVID-19.
2. The EB-Members appreciate the leadership of the President and the support from ESCAP as UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat, in particular regarding the webinars on COVID-19 and the support to the UN-GGIM Secretariat and IGIF.
3. Working Groups:
 - EB-Members endorsed the reports of the Working Groups.
 - India requested to be included as participatory county of the APRGP. WG1 Chair updated the reporting accordingly.
 - WG1 Vice-Chair from India: Dr. S.K. Singh superannuated in December 2019. New WG1 Vice-Chair Mr. Shyam Veer Singh (Director, Geodetic & Research Branch, Survey of India)
4. IGIF:
 - The President encourages member States to apply as pilot country for the IGIF in the region.
 - The EB-Members requested the Secretariat to organise a Webinar on the experience of the previous IGIF pilot countries.
 - Malaysia proposed an outreach kit in form of a video to convince stakeholders within the government. The UN-GGIM Secretariat will take this suggestion up.
5. Tenth Session of UN-GGIM:
 - Regional Committee Report of UN-GGIM-AP and Summary Statement have been endorsed. Any further comments to the Regional Committee Report have to be send to the Secretariat no later than Monday, 6 July.
 - Suggestions for points of discussions UN-GGIM-AP would like to bring to the attention of UN-GGIM should be send to the Secretariat no later than Wednesday, 15 July.

- The finalized Blueprint and Landscape of the United Nations Geospatial Network will be shared by the Secretariat with the members of UN-GGIM-AP.
 - The Secretariat will inform the Member States of any updates regarding the Tenth Session of UN-GGIM.
6. Ninth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP:
- The EB-Members decided to conduct the meeting virtually in November 2020, with a possible physical meeting in 2021 in Bali.
 - Proposal to conduct regional meeting on IGIF, Working Group Meetings and Executive Board Meetings in conjunction.
7. Tenth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP:
- Will be endorsed during the Ninth Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP.
8. ESCAP Publication 'Geospatial Information for Sustainable Development: perspectives from Asia-Pacific':
- Member countries are welcome to contribute.
 - First draft of publication will be circulated for comments to the UN-GGIM-AP Members by 10 July.
9. Survey on COVID-19:
- Secretariat will circulate template from UN-GGIM Secretariat to EB-Members.
10. New UN-GGIM-AP Website :
- The EB-Members appreciate the new design of the UN-GGIM-AP website.
 - The new website is scheduled to be published at the end of July.
11. Asia-Pacific Geospatial Information Platform
- The EB-Members appreciated the update on the project and requested the Secretariat to report its progress during the Ninth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP

Proceedings

1. Opening Session

- The President of UN-GGIM-AP, Ms. Alison Rose (Chief of Place, Space and Communities Division, Geoscience Australia), welcomed the Executive Board Members to the first virtual EB-Meeting. Ms. Rose acknowledged the challenging times faced during the current global pandemic and expressed warm wishes to all countries attending, highlighting the importance to stay connected and sharing information. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to lead a Board of esteemed experts and warmly welcomed members' contributions both throughout the meeting and in intervening months. She noted the extensive agenda, which indicated the breadth and depth of work underway by UN-GGIM AP.



- Ms. Tiziana Bonapace (Director of ICT & Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP) welcomed the EB-Members on behalf of the UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat and expressed the imperative of regional cooperation in times of a global pandemic. She highlighted the Framework ESCAP developed to offer and add support to member States in their socio-economic response to COVID-19. She emphasized the work with the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018-2030), the publication on 'Geospatial Information for Sustainable Development: perspectives from Asia-Pacific' and the Asia-Pacific Geospatial Information Platform.
- The President moderated a short introduction round with participants from Australia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Tonga, Singapore as well as the UN-GGIM Secretariat and the UN-GGIM Africa Secretariat.

2. Overall Work Plan of UN-GGIM-AP for 2020-2021

A. Briefing from UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat

- UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat presented on past and future activities.
- The Secretariat has assisted the President and member States to complete the following activities:
 - Eighth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP, Nov 2019 in Canberra, Australia
 - Contribution to UN-GGIM: Cooperation and cooperation with UN-GGIM Secretariat and other regional Committees on COVID-19, Virtual High-Level Forum Events of UN-GGIM, engagement in UN-GGIM WG-Disasters, contribution to United Nations Geospatial Network
 - Webinars on COVID-19
- Planned activities include:
 - Ninth Plenary Meeting: to be held virtually in November 2020 (*agenda point 4.*)
 - Discussion to organize following meetings in conjunction:
 - Regional Meeting on IGIF with UN-GGIM Secretariat
 - Executive Board Meeting
 - Working Group Meetings → China overs cooperation to organise the meetings virtually
 - Virtual launch of the ESCAP Publication titled "Geospatial Information for Sustainable perspectives from Asia-Pacific"
 - Continue with Webinars on specific topics on a quarterly basis: EB-Members requested the next webinar to be on the experience of the previous IGIF pilot countries (*agenda point 2.B.*)
 - ESCAP Publication on 'Geospatial Information for Sustainable Development: perspectives from Asia-Pacific'
 - First draft of publication will be circulated for comments to the UN-GGIM-AP Members by 10 July
 - New UN-GGIM-AP website will be launched by the end of July (*agenda point 5.B.*)



- Asia-Pacific Geospatial Information Platform: Detailed update on the 10-year project under *agenda point 5.C*.
- Survey on COVID-19: Secretariat will circulate template from the UN-GGIM Secretariat by 10 July
- The full presentation is attached.

B. Briefing from Working Groups

- The Chairs of the Working Groups presented on activities in their respective WGs.
- The Chair of WG 1, Mr. Basara Miyahara (Director of Space Geodesy Research Division, Geography and Crustal Dynamics Research Center, Geospatial Information Authority of Japan), presented on the activities of WG1 – Geodetic Reference Frame:
 - UN-GGIM GGRF Subcommittee on Geodesy (SCoG): Virtual meeting on 18 June discussing among others the SCoG report to the Tenth Session of UN-GGIM
 - Asia Pacific Reference Frame (APREF)
 - Asia Pacific Regional Geodetic Project (APRGP): 16 countries participated in the APRGP 2019. The report is currently being finalized.
 - India requested to be included as participatory county of the APRGP 2019. WG1 Chair updated the reporting accordingly.
 - Regional Height System Unification (APRHSU): Questionnaires on current height system of each member country, data analysed to understand the current situation
 - Capacity Building Events had to be postponed due to COVID-19
 - Dr. S.K. Singh superannuated in December 2019. New WG1 Vice-Chair Mr. Shyam Veer Singh (Director, Geodetic & Research Branch, Survey of India)
- The Chair of WG 2, Dr. Taikjin Kim (Executive Officer of National Spatial Data Infrastructure, LX Corporation Korea), presented on the activities of WG2 – Cadastre and Land Management:
 - Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA)
 - Cooperation with International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Commission 7
 - World Bank Innovation Week, Washington DC, Feb 2020
 - Plans of WG 2:
 - Spatial Information Solution for COVID-19 Response
 - Devising Capacity Development Tools
 - Report on New Tech in the Field of Land Management
- The Chair of WG 3, Dr. Antonius B. Wijanarto (Deputy Head for Thematic Geospatial Information, Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia), presented on the activities of WG3 – Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics:
 - National Statistical Geospatial Network (NSGF)
 - Global Statistical Geospatial Network (GSGF)
 - Workplan 2020-2021
 - Coordination: Sharing information and Roadmap



- Pilot project and concept paper
- Finalization of Framework
- The full and updated presentations of all Working Groups are attached.
- NGII from the Republic of Korea are interested in joining WG3
 - Chair of WG3 will get in contact with NGII

IGIF Implementation in Asia-Pacific region:

- The President encourages member States to apply as pilot country for the IGIF in the region.
 - received confirmation from Indonesia, no response from Sri Lanka and Kyrgyzstan so far
 - President agrees to send letter to member States to encourage them by mid-July 2020
- Next Webinar on experience of pilot countries (Fiji, Mongolia, Nepal, Tonga): President and Tonga agree; Tonga suggests cooperation with the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council, where Tonga and Fiji also shared their experiences
- Malaysia requests for an outreach kit in form of a video to convince stakeholders within the government
 - UN-GGIM Secretariat will take this suggestion up and support the Regional Committee to encourage member States to apply for pilots

3. Preparation for Tenth Session of UN-GGIM

- Tenth Session of UN-GGIM will be virtual on 26, 27 Aug & 4 Sept. Each session will be 2 hours. More information at: <https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/10th-session/>
- UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat send the Summary Statement of UN-GGIM-AP to the UN-GGIM Secretariat on 19 June. The Summary Statement had been circulated to the UN-GGIM-AP Members beforehand.
- UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat circulated the Regional Committee Report before the EB-Meeting. Comments have been incorporated. During the meeting no further comments arose. Any comments or changes have to be sent to UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat until Monday 6 July. The Secretariat will then send the Regional Committee Report of UN-GGIM-AP to the UN-GGIM Secretariat.
- UN-GGIM Secretariat asked for points of discussions the members of UN-GGIM-AP wish to bring to the attention of UN-GGIM for endorsement, approval, acknowledgement, attention. The UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat asks for inputs until Wednesday 15 July.
- The finalized Blueprint and Landscape of the United Nations Geospatial Network will be shared with the members of UN-GGIM-AP.

4. Ninth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP

- Indonesia briefed the EB-Members on the planning of the Ninth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP. The full presentation is attached.



- Indonesia presented three scenarios:
 1. Physical Meeting
 2. Virtual Meeting
 3. Virtual Meeting in 2020 and Physical Meeting in 2021
- UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat proposed hybrid meeting: physical and virtual at the same time
- EB Members agree on scenario 3 as proposed by Indonesia: Virtual Meeting in 2020, Physical Meeting in 2021, with the opportunity for EB-Members to coordinate hybrid meetings in country.

5. Other issues

A. Tenth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP 2021

- UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat informed the EB members that no country has requested to host the Tenth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP. According to the decision made under agenda point 4 regarding the Ninth Plenary Meeting, the Tenth Plenary Meeting could be hosted in Bali, Indonesia.
- Will be endorsed during the Ninth Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP.

B. New UN-GGIM-AP Website

- UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat introduced the new website. The first mock-up can be seen here: <https://ggim.thinkbluedata.com/>
- Decisions made:
 - UN-GGIM-AP Website adopts UN policy on using no titles of the people
 - List of Member Countries: No detailed information when clicking on flag. But below an indication to contact UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat if visitors would like to contact a member country
 - Meeting Documents: All meeting documents will be available for the public, including Executive Board Meeting documents
 - Partner Links: For now, only partners of the UN-GGIM family.
 - UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat will reach out to Working Groups to provide their partners that should be displayed
- For any further comments, suggestions please contact Ms. Verena Kausche (verena.kausche@un.org)
- Website is scheduled to be published at the end of July

C. Asia-Pacific Geospatial Information Platform

- UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat presented on the planned Asia-Pacific Geospatial Information Platform.
- Objective to build a regional cooperative platform to connect and integrate geospatial information/data among member States as a digital bigdata source in the period of 2020-2030.
- Currently in 1st Phase (2020-2022)
- Plan to organise a series of expert group meetings or regional workshops for consultations in 2020-2021 (with UN-GGIM-AP & RESAP member countries)



- Plan to organize an expert group meeting or regional workshop in Oct 2020 (in the Republic of Korea or Thailand)
- The full presentation is attached. For any questions please contact Mr. Tae Hyung Kim (kimt@un.org)

