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1. Agenda Program

08:30-08:45 Arrival of Participants

08:45-09:10 1. Opening Session

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| A. Remarks by President, Dr. Andrew C. Barnicoat | President | 5min |
| B. Remarks by Gregory Scott, UN-GGIM | UN-GGIM | 10min |
| C. Introduction of the participants | Participants | 10min |

09:10-09:20 2. Briefing on key activities President 10min

09:20-10:40 3. Overall Work Plan of UN-GGIM-AP for 2019-2020

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| A. Remarks by Dr. Andrew C. Barnicoat | President | 5min |
| B. Briefing actions and plans of WGs | | |
| ➤ WG1: Geodetic Reference Frame | Secretariat | 10min |
| ➤ WG2: Cadastre and Land Management | Chair WG2 | 10min |
| > Discussion on new WG2 Chair | | |
| ➤ WG3: Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics | Chair WG3 | 10min |
| > Endorsement of WG3 Action Plan | | |
| > Discussion on WG3 Vice Chairs | | |
| C. Work Plan for 2019-2020 of the Secretariat | Secretariat | 10min |
| D. Revision of Guidelines of Events | Secretariat | 10min |
| E. Reconfirm communication channels among UN-GGIM-AP members | Secretariat | 10min |
| F. Discussion on potential opportunities of joint trainings and workshops | Secretariat | 10min |
| G. Other issues | Participants | 5min |

10:40-11:00 4. Preparation for 9th Session of UN-GGIM New York, 7-9 August 2019

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| A. Participation and expected contributions of UN-GGIM-AP | President | 10min |
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B. Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP 7 August 2019, 13:30-15:00, Conf. Room 6	President	10min
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11:00-11:30	5. 8th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP & GEO Week and Ministerial Summit Canberra, 3-5 November 2019	GEO Week and Ministerial Summit Canberra, 4-9 November 2019
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A. Key agendas and expected outcomes	President	15min
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B. GEO Summit	President	10min
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C. 9 th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP 2020	President	5min
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11:30-11:55	6. Long-term achievements of UN-GGIM-AP
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A. Asia-Pacific Geo-Data Hub	Secretariat	10min
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B. Publications and tools	Secretariat	10min
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C. Other issues	Participants	5min
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11:55-12:00	7. Closing
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A. Closing Remarks	President	5min
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2. List of Participants

Name	Organisation	Position	Country	UN-GGIM-AP Position
Dr. Andy Barnicoat	Geoscience Australia	Chief, Positioning and Community Safety Division	Australia	President
Dr. Wang Qian	Ministry of Natural Resources of P. R. China	Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation	China	Vice President
Mr. Shoichi Oki	Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI)	Director General, Department of Geodesy	Japan	Vice President
Mr. Gankhuu Tsevelsodnom	Agency for Land Administration and Management, Geodesy and Cartography (ALAMGC)	Director General	Mongolia	Vice President
Ms. Huimin Hu	Ministry of Natural Resources of P. R. China	Project Officer, UN Project Office	China	
Ms. Meizyanne Hicks	Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources	Director Geospatial Information Management	Fiji	EB Member
Lt Gen Girish Kumar, VSM	Surveyor General of India	Survey of India	India	EB Member
Prof. Dr. Hasanuddin Z. Abidin	Geospatial Information Agency (BIG)	Head	Indonesia	EB Member
Dr. Antonius B. Wijanarto	Geospatial Information Agency (BIG)	Head of Center for Geodetic Network and Geodynamics	Indonesia	WG3 Chair
Dr. Azhari Mohamed	Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia	Deputy Director General	Malaysia	EB Member Malaysia
Mr. Azlim Khan	Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia	Director of Survey, Utility Mapping	Malaysia	
Ms. Enkhtur Bayarmaa	Agency for Land Administration and Management, Geodesy and Cartography (ALAMGC)	Head, Geospatial Information and Technology Department	Mongolia	
Mr. John Khan Yun	Korea Land and Geospatial Informatix Corporation (LX)	Director, Global Business Department	Republic of Korea	WG2

Mr. Ung-yong Park	Korea Land and Geospatial Informatix Corporation (LX)	Manager of Global Business	Republic of Korea	WG2
Dr. Victor Khoo	Singapore Land Authority (SLA)	Director, Survey & Geomatics Division	Singapore	On behalf of EB Member Mr. Soh Kheng Peng
Ms. Rosamond C. Bing	Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources	Chief Executive Officer	Tonga	EB Member
Gregory Scott	UNSD	Global Geospatial Information Management Section	UN	Inter-Regional Advisor UN-GGIM
Mr. Keran Wang	UNESCAP	Chief, Space Applications Section (SAS)	UN	Secretariat
Ms. Verena Kausche	UNESCAP	Associate Expert, Space Applications Section (SAS)	UN	Secretariat

3. Minutes

1. Opening Session

A. Remarks by President, Dr. Andrew C. Barnicoat

- The President welcomed the EB members to the first Executive Board Meeting since Australia took over the Presidency and appreciated the attendance of so many EB members.
- The President extended his gratitude to Malaysia for hosting the EB Meeting during the '21st International Surveyors' Congress' and the 'Fourth Expert Consultation and Meeting on the Development of the Implementation Guide of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework'.

B. Remarks by Gregory Scott, UN-GGIM

- Provided update on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) and the development of the Implementation Guide. Consultation with African countries and Arab States took place in April. Consultations with the Asian and Pacific countries take place during the same time as the EB Meeting in Kuala Lumpur.
- Close cooperation with UN-GGIM-AP requested to implement the IGIF.
- Sixth High Level Forum on GGIM will take place from 20-22 April 2020 in the UK.
- Relevant information on current UN-GGIM activities can be found in the Expanded Bureau Meeting Report from Amsterdam:
http://ggim.un.org/meetings/Bureau_Meetings/Expanded_Bureau_Meeting_Report_April_2019.pdf
- The EB members were provided with a brief overview of the main items for discussion and decision at the upcoming ninth session of UN-GGIM in New York, 7-9 August 2019. With regard to queries from Member States, UN-GGIM encourages countries representatives to request that their missions in New York reach out to the UN-GGIM Secretariat as required, as by protocol the Secretariat is unable to reach out to the missions in the first instance.

2. Briefing on key activities

- For information on the past key activities of UN-GGIM please refer to the attached pptx from the EB meeting and the Executive Report.

3. Overall Work Plan of UN-GGIM-AP for 2019-2020

A. Remarks by Dr. Andrew C. Barnicoat

- The President summarized his two main goals for Australia's presidency:
 - Building on the work of both UN-GGIM and UN-GGIM-AP in identifying best practice in managing geospatial information, looking forward to describing and promoting the economic, environmental and social outcomes and

benefits of using geospatial information to support better decision making by governments.

- Capacity building, drawing collaboratively on our resources, to further develop Asia-Pacific member countries.

B. Briefing actions and plans of WGs

- **WG1** Geodetic Reference Frame upcoming events:
 - United Nations/ Fiji Workshop on the Application of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (Suva, Fiji, 24-28 June 2019)
 - Positioning and GNSS CORS infrastructure Workshop at South East Asia Survey Congress (Darwin, Australia, 15 August 2019)
- **WG2** Cadastre and Land Management:
 - Unfortunately, Dr. Beckhee Cho won't be able to continue as Chair of WG2. Due to her long sick leave some activities of WG2 were delayed.
 - Korea Land and Geospatial Informatix Corporation (LX) will nominate a new WG Chair.
 - Development of Capacity Building Plan: Conducted research with World Bank, designed tools and conducted pilot projects in Tanzania & Sri Lanka.
- **WG3** Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics
 - Proposed Action Plan was endorsed by the EB members.
 - One major aspect will be the implementation of the IGIF, UN-GGIM proposes, that through the regionalization the global agenda can be informed on successes and difficulties in the implementation.
 - Following countries proposed to nominate a Vice Chair: India, China, Malaysia, Mongolia
 - Following countries requested membership in WG 3: Japan, Fiji, Tonga
 - Japan proposed to carry out a pilot project in the area of disaster risk reduction
 - A close cooperation of WG3 with the ESCAP Statistics Division will be appreciated.

C. Work Plan for 2019-2020 of the Secretariat

- Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018-2030) was adopted by the member States of ESCAP and will be an important reference document for UN-GGIM-AP.
- The member countries requested in general to enhance the capacity building and sharing of good practices and tools among the Asia-Pacific member countries.
- The Work Plan was agreed upon by the member countries.

D. Revision of Guidelines of Events

- The Secretariat will circulate a version with track changes, including new proposed timelines for comments to the EB members. After integration of the comments a clean version will be circulated for final approval.
- In general, the President and the Secretariat would like to encourage the members and WG Chairs to submit the application form as far in advance as possible.

E. Reconfirm communication channels among UN-GGIM-AP members

- The Secretariat asked the member countries to reconfirm the contact details. An updated document with the EB bureau contacts will be circulated by the Secretariat.

F. Discussion on potential opportunities of joint trainings and workshops

- China announced the upcoming Deqing International Forum on UN-GGIM: “The Data Ecosystem for the SDGs” to be convened from 21-23 October 2019 in Deqing, China, which will be organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources of China and the UNSD (UN-GGIM Secretariat) under the framework of China-UN Trust Fund Project on Geospatial Information Management Capacity Development, with travel funding provided to some participants in AP region.
- China also suggested inviting the UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat’s contribution as a joint organizer for the upcoming Deqing event as well as the future capacity building activities of this kind that normally take place twice a year.

G. Other issues

- The Secretariat appreciates the support from the EB member countries, and the recognition expressed by Fiji of the successful transition of the Secretariat to ESCAP.

4. Preparation for the 9th Session of UN-GGIM (New York, 7-9 August 2019)

- The EB members are invited to propose agenda items to the Secretariat for the UN-GGIM-AP meeting during the 9th Session of UN-GGIM.

5. 8th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP (Canberra, 3-5 November 2019) & GEO Week and Ministerial Summit (Canberra, 4-9 November 2019)

A. Key agendas and expected outcomes

- The 8th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP will comprise 6 sessions:
 - 3 WG sessions convened and organized by the respective working groups
 - 1 session on the IGIF, convened and organized by UNSD
 - 1 session on the SDGs: India kindly offered to convene and organize the session
 - 1 session on the Sendai Framework for DRR: Indonesia kindly offered to convene and organize the session

- There will also be the opportunity for an 1h-1.5h meeting for the EB members.
- Tonga kindly offered to identify speakers with a Pacific perspective for the sessions.
- The Secretariat seeks to send out the invitations three months before the Plenary Meeting.
- The organization of the Plenary Meeting will be shared with the GEO Summit.

B. GEO Summit

- The GEO Summit encompasses a Ministerial Plenary & Trade Show
- Invitations will be sent out to GEO members only. Non-members can request observe status at the summit.

C. 9th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP 2020

- Indonesia offered to host the 9th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in 2020. The Ministry approved of it and a budget has been allocated.
During the UN-GGIM-AP meeting in New York Indonesia will provide a short presentation, after which the proposal can be formally endorsed by the EB members.
- India would like to host the 11th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in 2022, in conjunction with the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Survey Department in India.

6. Long-term achievements of UN-GGIM-AP

A. Asia-Pacific Geo-Data Hub

- The plans of an Asia-Pacific Geo-Data Hub were received with interest by the EB members. The first step will be to upgrade the website, post results of the meetings, WGs etc., create a pigeon hole and exchange platform.

B. Publications and tools

- The Secretariat seeks for biennial publications on geospatial information applications in Asia and the Pacific and for joint publications with UN-GGIM.

4. List of Actions

- **WG2:** Korea Land and Geospatial Informatix Corporation (LX) will nominate a new WG Chair before the UN-GGIM-AP meeting in New York, 7 August.
- **WG3:** The proposed Action Plan was endorsed. China, India, Malaysia and Mongolia will nominate Vice Chairs, informing the WG Chair Dr. Antonius Bambang Wijanarto and the Secretariat on the names, position and contact before the UN-GGIM-AP meeting in New York, 7 August.
- **Revision of Guidelines of Events:** The Secretariat will circulate a version with track changes, including new proposed timelines for comments to the EB members until 1 July.
 - › Comments and proposed changes can be sent to the Secretariat until 5 July.
 - › The Secretariat will circulate a clean version until 8 July to be endorsed by the EB members until 12 July.
- **Communication Channels:** The Secretariat will circulate the updated bureau contacts until 1 July.
 - › EB members are requested to check the contact details and report changes to the Secretariat until 5 July.
- **9th Session of UN-GGIM:** The EB members are invited to propose agenda items to the Secretariat for the UN-GGIM-AP meeting during the 9th Session of UN-GGIM until 15 July.
- **8th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP:**
 - › 3 sessions on the WG topics convened and organized by the respective WGs
 - › 1 session on the IGIF: convened and organized by UNSD
 - › 1 session on the SDGs: convened and organized by India
 - › 1 session on the Sendai Framework for DRR: convened and organized by Indonesia
 - › The Secretariat will get in contact with the WG Chairs to coordinate the sessions.
 - › The Secretariat will send out invitations three month before the Plenary Meeting.
- **9th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP:** Indonesia offered to host the 9th Plenary Meeting in 2020 and will prepare a presentation for the UN-GGIM-AP meeting in New York, 7 August.