**Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific**

**(UN-GGIM-AP)**

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**Regional Committee of United Nations**

**Geospatial Information Management**

**for Asia and the Pacific**

**The First Plenary Meeting**

1 November 2012

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Bangkok Thailand

**Minutes**

**Agenda**

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| 5. Nomination and Appointment of Working Group Chairs and Vice Chairs | 15 min |
| 6. Rising Actions from the 19th UNRCC-AP | 30 min |
| 7. Next Meetings | 5 min |
| 8. Other Matters | 10 min |
| 9. Closing | 5 min |

**Present**

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| President | China | Dr. Li Pengde |
| Vice-President | Korea | Mr. Im Joo-Bin |
| Secretariat | Japan | Dr. Hiroshi Murakami |
| EB Members | Australia | Mr. Simon Costello |
| Azerbaijan | Mr. Garib Mammadov |
| Brunei Darussalam | Mr. Ali Bakar Hj. Kasim |
| Indonesia | Mr. Dodi Sukmayadi Wiradisastra  (representing Mr. Yusuf Surachman Djajadiharja) |
| Iran | Mr. Mahmoud Ilkhan |
| Malaysia | Dr. Abdul Kadir bin Taib |
| Mongolia | Mr. Ayurzana Khurelshagai |
| Singapore | Mr. SOH Kheng Peng |
| WG1 | Chair | Mr. John Dowson (Australia) |
| WG2 | Chair | Mr. Hadi Vaezi (Iran) |
| WG3 | Chair | Ms. Jiang Jie (China) |
| Participants | Azerbaijan | Mr. Aghakishi Aliyev  Mr. Abdullayev Javid |
| Bangladesh | Mr. Md Wahidul Islam Talukder |
| Brunei Darussalam | Mr. Ali Bakar Kasim  Mr. Mahadi Tahir |
| China | Ms. Jiang Xiaohong |
| Fiji | Mr. Samuela Naicegucegu |
| India | Mr. Chandra Pal |
| Indonesia | Mr. Sugeng Prijadi  Ms. Rizka Windiastuti  Mr. Bebas Purnawan  Mr. Joni Efendi  Mr. Marsono Julianto Tjahyo Purnomo |
| I.R.Iran | Mr. Peyman Baktash  Mr. Ali Soltanpour |
| Japan | Mr. Yoshikazu Fukushima  Dr. Shigeru Matsuzaka  Mr. Kazushige Kawase  Ms. Mei Maruyama |
| Korea | Mr. Yoon Jin-Hwan  Mr. Kim Jun-Sung  Ms. Park So-Young  Mr. Cho Woo-Sug  Mr. Kwon Jay-Hyoun  Ms. Chang Cheong-Hwa  Mr. Heo Min  Ms. Hong, Young-Joo |
| Malaysia | Mr. Ahmad Fauzi Bin Nordin  Mr. Teo CheeHai |
| Mongolia | Mrs. Enkhtuya Sodnom  Mrs. Munkhtsetseg Dalkhaa  Mr. B. Erdenebaatar  Mr. N. Gan-Erdene  Mrs. S. Ganchimeg  Ms. Altantsetseg Purevsuren  Mr. Amgalanbat Gombojav  Mr. Enkhbold Tsendjav |
| New Zealand (ex-officio) | Mr. Robert Deakin  Mr. Nic Donnelly |
| Pakistan | Mr. Asad Ali Bhellar |
| Singapore | Mr. Loo Wei Kiah Richard |
| Observers | ESRI | Mr. Mark Cygan |
| JB-GIS | Prof. William Cartwright |
| UNSD | Mr. Greg Scott |

**1. Opening**

Following the adoption of the new statutes at the 18th PCGIAP plenary meeting, the first plenary meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN**-**GGIM-AP) was convened at 14:48. Dr. Li Pengde, Former President of PCGIAP, delivered congratulatory words and other participants celebrated the establishment of the new committee.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda was confirmed during the 18th PCGIAP plenary meeting.

**3. Election of the Committee’s Executive Board**

The Executive Board of UN**-**GGIM-AP for the term of 2012-2015 was elected as follows:

* President: China (Li Pengde)
* Vice President: Republic of Korea (IM Joo Bin)
* Secretary: Japan (Hiroshi Murakami)
* Members: Australia (Simon Costello)

Azerbaijan (Garib Mammadov)

Brunei Darussalam (Ali Bakar Hj. Kasim)

Indonesia (Yusuf Surachman Djajadiharja)

I.R.Iran (Mahmoud Ilkhan)

Malaysia (Abdul Kadir b. Taib)

Mongolia (A. Khurelshagai)

Singapore (SOH Kheng Peng)

UN**-**GGIM-AP Secretary, Dr. Hiroshi Murakami announced India’s interest in joining the Executive Board. Since the delegate from India needs confirmation from the government, it is decided that the Board will wait for the approval of Indian government. If it is approved, the participants agreed to welcome India for joining Executive Board.

President announced establishment of the new Executive Board.

Secretary introduced his assistant, Ms. Mei Maruyama, and requested the participants to keep close communication with her and prompt reactions to her messages for the smooth operation of the new committee.

The new Executive Board members were congratulated by the participants.

**4. Reorganization of the Committee’s Working Groups**

Secretary proposed the new working groups as follows:

* WG1:Geodetic Reference Framework for Sustainable Development
* WG2:Data Sharing and Integration for Disaster Management
* WG3:Place-Based Information Management for Economic Growth

The establishment of the three working groups was unanimously agreed by the participants. President stressed that these three working groups will be the key technical force to conduct the resolutions of the 19th UNRCC-AP.

**5. Nomination and Appointment of Working Group Chairs and Vice Chairs**

The working group chairs and vice chairs were nominated as follows:

* + - * WG1 Chair: John Dawson (Australia)

Vice-Chairs: Shigeru Matsuzaka (Japan), Wen Hanjiang (China),

Kwon Jay-Hyoun (Korea), Farokh Tavakoli (Iran)

* + - * WG2 Chair: Hadi Vaezi (Iran)

Vice-Chair: Dodi Sukmayadi (Indonesia), Zhou Xu (China)

Robert Deakin (New Zealand)

* + - * WG3 Chair: Jiang Jie (China)

Vice-Chair: Ahmad Fauzi bin Nordin (Malaysia),

Simon Costello (Australia)

The nominated chairs and the vice chairs of the new working groups were appointed by President.

**6. Rising Actions from the 19th UNRCC-AP**

The Committee office requested that the working group chairs prepare and submit their detailed work plan for the next three years, in accordance with the 19th UNRCC-AP resolutions, within one month.

**7. Next Meetings**

China offered to host the next EB meeting in April 2013 in China in conjunction with the 2nd Hangzhou Forum. The venue will be announced later. President encouraged the participation of all EB members.

As the host country of the 2nd UN**-**GGIM-AP plenary meeting, as it was decided at the 17th PCGIAP plenary meeting, Iran announced that the plenary meeting is planned to be convened on 28 to 30 October 2013 in Tehran.

**8. Other Matters**

Inventory of issues

Secretary encouraged participants to submit the comments on regional priority of the GGIM Inventory of Issues. Secretary will prepare the draft for the regional priority of the GGIM Inventory of Issues and it will be distributed within two weeks. Final version will be submitted to UN**-**GGIM secretariat by the beginning of December.

UN**-**GGIM-AP New Logo

Secretary introduced a design for the new logo.

Two comments were received: inserting images to identify the Asia Pacific region into the picture part of the logo, and adding a hyphen between UN and GGIM to be consistent with UN-GGIM logo.

It was agreed that Secretary will seek advice from the UN**-**GGIM secretariat and the office will make the final decision. Final version will be announced to the members.

Group Email Address

Secretary requested member countries to set up the group email address in the form of un-ggim-ap.countryname@domain. Once spelling for the committee acronym is finalized, the standard form will be announced from Secretariat.

**9. Closing**

President expressed gratitude to all the participants for their hard work in the past activities of PCGIAP and encouraged continued cooperation and improved capacities under UN**-**GGIM-AP. The meeting was closed at 15:32.