

The Second UN-GGIM-AP Plenary Meeting

28-30 October 2013

Tehran, Iran



National Cartographic Center of Iran



Information Note

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Introduction

National Cartographic Center of Iran (NCC) is organizing the 2nd Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM –AP to be held from 28 to 30 October, 2013 in Tehran, Iran. The Meeting is aimed to provide an opportunity for sharing and exchanging experience and knowledge among the experts of different countries to consider and discuss the regional issues concerned in previous meetings. The meeting will prepare the groundwork for the implementation of the resolutions of the previous meetings which will assist the better cooperation between the member states in the future and provide a basis to identify barriers for establishing the spatial data infrastructure in national, regional and global levels. It would be useful for all member countries to take part in this meeting to share experiences, learn new approaches and get innovative ideas in the field of spatial information.

Draft Program

The 2nd Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP will be held in Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran from October 28 through 30, 2013. Three sessions are planned under the following main theme and the sub themes. Among three sessions, two sessions are planned under the main theme and one session is planned under the subtheme. To ensure every speaker covers necessary information, distributing a PowerPoint template with questions is proposed. This way, presentations can be completed in a consistent manner by answering questions. Outcome of the plenary meeting will be reported to UN-GGIM, while a knowledge-base of UN-GGIM-AP will be naturally developed and shared among the member countries.

Proposed Main Theme:

- NGIAs' roles in successful disaster response

[This session will discuss the roles of NGIAs in disaster response. Case studies will be presented to address the questions such as what kind of data should be provided in disaster.]

Proposed sub-theme for sessions:

- The latest of spatial web services provided by NGIAs

[Spatial Web Services provided by NGIAs are increasing. This session will address challenges of Spatial Web Services such as data policy issues. The session will be an opportunity for the members to learn and exchange information on the latest of Spatial Web Services.]

■ **28 October 2013**

- 9:00-9:30 Opening
- 09:30 –10:00 Group Photo and Break
- 10:00 –12:00 Confirmations of Agenda
- Executive Report
- Liaison Reports
- Session1 with Main Theme
- 12:00 –13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 –15:00 Session2 with Main Theme
- 15:00 –20:00 Technical Tour
- 20:00 –22:00 Welcome Dinner

■ **29 October 2013**

- 9:00-10:40 Session3 with Sub Theme
- 10:40-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:00 WG1 Reports and discussion
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-15:30 WG2 & WG3 Reports and discussion
- 15:30-16:00 Break
- 16:00-17:00 Next meeting, Resolutions, Closing
- 17:00-18:00 EB Meeting

■ **30 October 2013**

Kashan City Tour

Working Language

The meeting will be conducted in English.

Registration

All participants are kindly required to fill out and return the registration forms to the host, National Cartographic Center (NCC) of Iran. The information you provide on the registration forms will be used for visa documentation, hotel reservation and meeting preparation.

To fill the registration forms, please refer to:

<http://unggim-ap.ncc.org.ir/HomePage.aspx?TabID=5568&Site=unggim-ap.ncc.org&Lang=en-US>

Visa

Foreigners from most countries are required to apply for visa to enter Iran. For visa application, please consult to the Iranian embassy or consulate in your country. When you fill out the registration form, indicate whether you need the official visa documentation. Upon receipt of the registration form, the host will prepare and send the official visa documentation to those who need it.

To apply for visa, please refer to the **visa apply** on registration section:

<http://unggim-ap.ncc.org.ir/HomePage.aspx?TabID=5568&Site=unggim-ap.ncc.org&Lang=en-US>

The Venue

The meeting will be held in Parsian Azadi hotel, which is located in the northern part of Tehran. From the northern view of the hotel, the Alborz mountain chain which surrounded the northern side of Tehran can be seen and from the southern view, a landscape of the city is seen.

Accommodation

Block reservations have been made at preferential rates with the Parsian Azadi Hotel for different rooms in its five-star building. The host will book your room according to your choice on the registration form. Participants who wish to stay at other hotels are responsible for their own hotel room reservations.

For room reservation please refer to **hotel reservation** on registration section:

<http://unggim-ap.ncc.org.ir/HomePage.aspx?TabID=5558&Site=unggim-ap.ncc.org&Lang=en-US>

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Transportation

The participants will be picked up on arrival at the Imam-Khomeini International Airport and transferred to the venue hotel.

About Tehran

Tehran sometimes spelled Teheran, is the capital of Iran and Tehran Province. With an estimated population of 11,000,000, it is also Iran's largest urban area and city, the largest city in Western Asia, one of the largest in Southern Asia, and the 19th-largest city globally. Contemporary Tehran is a modern city featuring many structures, of which the Azadi (Freedom) Tower and the Milad Tower have come to be symbols of Tehran itself. In 2008 Tehran was the least expensive capital in the world and the second-least expensive city globally based on the cost-of-living index presenting the best value for money in the world. Globally it stands 19th by city population, 56th by the size of its GDP and 29th by the population of its metropolitan area.

For more information about Tehran, please refer to the site of the meeting:

<http://unggim-ap.ncc.org.ir>

Weather

Tehran features a semi-arid, continental climate. Tehran's climate is largely defined by its geographic location, with the towering Alborz Mountains to its north and the central desert to the south. It can be generally described as mild in the spring and autumn, hot and dry in the summer, and cold in the winter.

Although compared with other parts of the country Tehran enjoys a more moderate climate, weather conditions can sometimes be unpredictably harsh. The record high temperature is 43°C and the record low is -15°C.

In autumn, the weather in Tehran is usually cold with possibility of rain or snow falls.

For more information you can refer to:

<http://www.weather-forecast.com/locations/Tehran/forecasts/latest>

<http://www.weather.com/weather/tenday/Tehran+Iran+IRXX0018>

Currency

The Iranian currency is Iranian Rial (IRR). The formal current exchange rate is about 1 USD: 12285 IRR. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at hotels and airports. Although the "toman" is no longer an official unit of Iranian currency, Iranians commonly express amounts of money and prices of goods in "tomans." For this purpose, one "toman" equals 10 rials. Despite this usage, amounts of money and prices of goods are virtually always written in rials.

It is highly suggested to bring money in cash as credit cards are scarcely used.

Time

The standard time used in all regions of Iran is 3.5 hours ahead of GMT.

Dress

In Iran, Islamic dress (Hijab) for women is a law. The following photos show proper examples of the Islamic dress in Iran:



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