

## Webinar Concept Note

# Strengthening regional cooperation in geospatial data sharing for mitigation of COVID-19 pandemics

Venue: Teleconference, 15 May 2020, 9:30-11:00am (UTC+7, Bangkok time)

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### Background:

Geospatial information can play an essential role in monitoring and analyzing the impact of COVID-19, as well as supporting the response and recovery of COVID-19. ESCAP, as the UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat, together with the World Geospatial Industry Council (WGIC) and the Asia-Oceania Group on Earth Observation (AOGEO) will discuss how geospatial information can be best utilized to tackle the COVID-19 outbreak and potential future pandemics through enhanced regional cooperation.

The webinar will aim to highlight good practices and lessons learned from countries in the Asia Pacific region, and consider how countries and regional organizations can strengthen collaboration to develop capacity to map health risk hotspots and mitigate potential risks using geospatial information and big data.

### Guiding questions

1. What is the practice and/or tool you have applied that integrates geospatial information into COVID-19 response? Are any cross-cutting approaches being applied?
2. What challenges need to be addressed and are there any recommendations to enhance regional cooperation, that address these?

Additional:

3. How can countries with limited geospatial resources and capabilities utilize them best? What is the support other countries can give?

### Moderation

- **Ms. Alison Rose**  
President of UN-GGIM-AP  
Chief of Place, Space and Communities Division  
Geoscience Australia

### Opening Remarks

- **Ms. Alison Rose**  
President of UN-GGIM-AP  
Chief of Place, Space and Communities Division  
Geoscience Australia

- **Ms. Tiziana Bonapace**  
Secretariat of UN-GGIM-AP  
Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division,  
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

## Panellists

1. **Dr. David Hudson**  
Asia Oceania Group on Earth Observations (AOGEO) Co-Chair  
Senior Advisor Earth Observation  
Geoscience Australia
2. **Mr. Zhang Shibai**  
Deputy Division Chief,  
Department of International Cooperation (Department of Maritime Rights and Interests)  
Ministry of Natural Resources of People's Republic of China  
  
*On behalf of*  
**Dr. Wang Qian**  
Vice-President UN-GGIM-AP  
Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation  
Ministry of Natural Resources of People's Republic of China
3. **Mr. Fujimura Hidenori**  
UN-GGIM Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters  
Executive Officer for Geospatial Information Policy  
Geospatial Information Authority of Japan  
  
*On behalf of*  
**Mr. Oki Shoichi**  
Vice-President UN-GGIM-AP  
Director-General of Geodetic Department  
Geospatial Information Authority of Japan
4. **Dr. Antonius B. Wijanarto**  
Chair of UN-GGIM-AP Working Group on Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics  
Deputy Head for Thematic Geospatial Information  
Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia
5. **Mr. Sanjay Kumar**  
Secretary General & CEO of the World Geospatial Industry Council (WGIC)  
CEO of Geospatial Media and Communications

## Agenda

7 min	Welcome and Introduction	Ms. Alison Rose, President of UN-GGIM-AP
7 min	Remarks by UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat	Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP
50 min	Presentations by Panelists (each 8-10 min)	Moderator: Ms. Alison Rose, President of UN-GGIM-AP
20 min	Question and Answer session	Moderator: Ms. Alison Rose, President of UN-GGIM-AP
5 min	Wrap up and Closing Remarks	Ms. Alison Rose, President of UN-GGIM-AP

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