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The Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information  
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**4-5 August 2014**

**Provisional Agenda** (as of 01/8/2014)

**MONDAY, 4 August**

**9.30-9.50 Welcome and Opening Session – Opening of the Global Forum**

- Opening and welcome [UN EG-ISGI Chairs]
- Opening Remarks [UNSD Director]
- Programme and other organizational matters [UNSD]

**9.50-11.00 Opening Session – The global context**

Keynote presentations:

- Distinguished Professor Nassim Nicholas Taleb – A broad view of future challenges and information needs
- Ambassador Múnera, Secretary General of the Association of the Caribbean States – challenges and information needs for the developing world
- Professor Paul Cheung - Using Location Information for Better Planning and Decision Support: Integrating Big Data, Official Statistics and Geospatial information

**11.00-11.15 Break**

**11.15-13.00 Session 1 – Positioning for the future – Determining the desired vision for the integration of statistical and geospatial information**

**Chair:** Mr. Li Pengde, **China**

**Presentations:**

- The Global perspective on what has been done so far to achieve the vision of integrated statistical and geospatial information, and how the journey is going: [Mr. Rolando Ocampo, Representative of UN-GGIM and EG-ISGI]
- A regional perspective on what has been done so far to achieve the vision of integrated statistical and geospatial information, and how the journey is going: [Mr. Ekkehard Petri-Eurostat]
- A country perspective: Ten lessons on the production of geospatial information in Mexico [Mr. Edouardo Sojo, Mexico]
- Articulation of the vision – what will the future look like if the vision for integrated statistical and geospatial information has been achieved [Mr. Peter Harper, Australia]

Discussion

## 14.30-16.15 **Session 2 – Achieving the vision – a global framework**

**Chair:** Mr. Peter Harper, **Australia**

### **Presentations:**

- Authoritative geospatial infrastructure and geocoding
  - NSDI datasets and use in statistics [Ms. Sharthi Laldaparsad, South Africa]
- Data management: geocoded unit record data
  - Data management: geocoded unit record data - confidentiality management and geocoded unit record data: lessons from Germany [Ms Susanne Schnorr-Baecker, Germany]
- Common geographic boundaries
  - Small area geographies: administrative, functional and grid based geographies – one or many? [Mr. Tim Trainor, USA]
- Metadata interoperability
  - International cooperation to achieve interoperability between statistical and geospatial metadata [Mr. Mark Reichardt, OGC]
- Standards & guidelines
  - Dimensions of quality in statistical and geospatial datasets : common themes and concepts [Mr. Peter Harper, Australia]

Discussion

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## 16.30-18.00 **Session 2 – Achieving the vision - roadmaps**

**Chair:** Mr. Rolando Ocampo, **Mexico**

### **Projects/Programmes that signpost the way forward:**

- Statistical-geospatial integration, the example of Sweden [Ms Marie Haldorson, Sweden]
- Measuring regional well-being: OECD work to improve territorial information [Ms Monica Brezzi, OECD]
- Data integration in the Philippines: responding to a national catastrophe [Mr. Candido Astrologo, Jr., Philippines]
- SEEA, accounts for the integration of economic, social and environmental statistics [ Mr. Ivo Havinga, UNSD]

Discussion

## TUESDAY, 5 August

### 9.00-10.30 **Session 3– Population Census – an exemplar for integration**

**Chair:** Mr. Tim Trainor, USA

**Presentations:**

- Geospatial technology and data providing improvements and efficiency in Brazil population census and household surveys  
[Mr. Joao Bosco de Azevedo, Brazil]
- The Polish Modern Census : incorporating geospatial technology and data with administrative information  
[Mr. Janusz Dygaszewicz, Poland]
- 2020 round of Population Censuses: incorporating geography into all stages of the Population Census [UNSD talking about plans for integrating geospatial into the 2020 round of Censuses – Ms Margaret Mbogoni]

Discussion

### 10.30-10.45 **Break**

### 10.45-12.00 **Session 4 – How to get there – the strategic opportunities**

**Chair:** Ms Monica Brezzi, OECD

**Presentations:**

- Cooperation, coordination and harmonization  
[Mr. Siau Yong NG, Singapore]
- Leveraging information infrastructure modernization programs to integration of statistical and geospatial information  
[Mr. Ian Coady, UK ]
- A geographic census: comprehensive national and international datasets –  
[Mr. Li Pengde, China]

Discussion

### 12.00-12.30 **Concluding/Closing Session**

Session facilitated by UN EG -ISGI co-chairs:

- Reflect on the content and discussions from sessions 1-4.
- Review the Expert Group priorities (from the EG Terms of Reference) and identify any additional priorities.
- Endorse the final priorities.