



## United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management: Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes (UN-GGIM: WG Fundamental Data)

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### Mandate

The establishment a Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes was requested by the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts at its Fifth Session in August 2015 as per decision 5/103 *Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes*.

#### Objective

The overall objective of the Working Group is to bring together differing information on fundamental geospatial data themes with a view to developing an agreed minimum set of global fundamental geospatial data themes.

#### Expected Results

The Working Group will produce a first draft of a Resolution on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes for the Committee of Experts to consider taking to the General Assembly.

#### Specific Activities

The Working Group shall:

- Produce a recommendation for a minimum list of global fundamental geospatial data themes. Each data theme should be supported by a description and guidelines.
- Take account of existing activity being undertaken by UN-GGIM regional committees, ensuring that where possible existing resources are used.
- Consider the prioritisation of the data themes and how they link to other data needs with in the UN-GGIM programme of work.
- Consider the specific needs and vulnerabilities of small island developing States.
- Ensure that the data themes should be technical in nature as not to raise political concerns.

#### Membership, composition, terms of office

The UN-GGIM Committee of Experts have appointed UN-GGIM: Europe to lead the Working Group. UN-GGIM: Europe Executive Committee will elect a Chair and any other positions deemed necessary to support the work of the group.

The Working Group will comprise representatives from national governments and international organisations. Representative should come from each of the UN-GGIM regional bodies.

The Working Group will liaise as and when required with other international groups that may have an interest in developing a set of global fundamental geospatial data themes.

#### Reporting procedure

The Working Group, which is steered by the UN-GGIM: Europe Executive Committee, will report annually to the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts, and to the UN-GGIM Bureau as and when requested.



### **Frequency of meetings**

UN-GGIM: WG Fundamental Data will operate virtually and will try and meet in concurrence with global geospatial meetings.

A relevant tool kit will be put in place and used by the Working Group for communication, collaboration, knowledge management and information sharing.

### **Secretariat**

UN-GGIM: Europe will act as the permanent secretariat for the Working Group. It will provide the day-to-day management and coordination, and organise and maintain internal and external communication on behalf of the Working Group.