HIGH-LEVEL GROUP OF THE
INTEGRATED GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FRAMEWORK (HLG-IGIF)
First meeting (virtual)
Thursday, 25 February 2021, 11:00 hrs. – 13:00 hrs. (UTC) / 06:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. (EST/UTC-5)

Provisional Agenda:
1) Welcome and Introductions
2) Adoption of Agenda and Organization of the Meeting
3) Mandate and Objectives of the HLG-IGIF
4) Election of Co-Chairs
5) Confirming the Role of the HLG-IGIF
6) Status of IGIF Implementation
7) Functions and Initial Programme of Work
8) Other Business

AGENDA ITEM #1
Welcome and introductions (Secretariat)

Membership of the High-level Group -

**UN-GGIM Bureau**
- Belgium: Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe
- Tonga: Ms. Rosamond Bing
- Cameroon: Mr. Fernand Isseri

**UN-GGIM: Africa**
- Burkina Faso: Mr. Halidou Nagabila
- Ethiopia: Mr. Tulu Besha Bedada
- Morocco: Mr. Kamal Outghouliast
- South Africa: Ms. Maroale Mimi Chauke

**UN-GGIM: Americas**
- Chile: Mr. Cristián Araneda Hernández
- Jamaica: Ms. Simone Lloyd
- Panama: Ms. Isis Tejada
- United States: Ms. Deirdre Bishop

**UN-GGIM: Arab States**
- Algeria: Mr. Hamid Oukaci
- Jordan: Mr. Mu’llamar Kamel Haddadin

**UN-GGIM-AP**
- Indonesia: Mr. Antonius B Wijanarto
- Kyrgyzstan: Mr. Bakytbek Dusupbekov
- Mongolia: Mr. Tsevelsodnom Gankhuu
- Nepal: Mr. Prakash Joshi

**UN-GGIM: Europe**
- Germany: Mr. Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu
- Netherlands: Mr. Frank Tierolff
- Sweden: Mr. Anders Sandin
- United Kingdom: Mr. Jamie Clark

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## Agenda Item #2

**Adoption of Agenda and Organization of the Meeting (Secretariat)**

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   b) Opening statements from Co-Chairs |
| 00:50 | 5) Confirming the Role of the HLG-IGIF (Co-Chair) | a) Key functions  
   b) Membership composition  
   c) Methods of work  
   d) Finalize and adopt Terms of Reference |
| 01:05 | 6) Status of IGIF Implementation (Co-Chair) | a) Operationalizing the IGIF, Implementation Guide and Country-level Action Plans  
   b) Publicity, communication and marketing  
   c) Coordination and coherence  
   d) E-learning |
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   b) Programme of work |
| 01:55 | 8) Other business (Co-Chair) | a) Next Meeting |

## Agenda Item #3

**Mandate and Objectives of the HLG-IGIF (Secretariat)**

Mandate –

At its tenth session, UN-GGIM in making decision 10/103:

- noted the global significance of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), which serves as a key umbrella for the many activities under the purview of the Committee of Experts, including the regional committees and thematic groups of UN-GGIM, which could be applied to any country to guide transformational change, and which would be a living and usable document to be reviewed and refined through an iterative process, on the basis of the practical implementation experiences of Member States;

- endorsed the establishment of a dedicated high-level group of experts, with balanced geographical representation and expertise, as a mechanism to provide strategic leadership, coordination and oversight in order to ensure the sustained success of the IGIF, and to mobilize the resources necessary to maintain the momentum and refinement of the IGIF as a continuously evolving process.
**AGENDA ITEM #3**

*Mandate and Objectives of the HLG-IGIF (Secretariat)*

Objective –

- Provide the strategic leadership, promotion, coordination, planning and oversight to successfully sustain the uptake and implementation of the IGIF;
- Explicitly demonstrate the societal value and impact of the IGIF, and associated progress towards enabling the achievement of the SDGs;
- Provide expertise and advice to assist countries in their implementation of the IGIF at the country level; and
- Mobilize needed resources for implementation and to maintain the momentum and evolving refinement of the IGIF with Member States and other key stakeholders.

**AGENDA ITEM #4**

*Election of Co-Chairs (Secretariat)*

a) **Nomination of Co-Chairs**

Considerations –

- Newly established group, critical establishment phase, with a mandate by UN-GGIM to provide strategic leadership, coordination and oversight;
- Programme of work that will be strategic and able to sustain the success of the IGIF; and
- Sound understanding, experience, and even more importantly, leadership, in the history and development of the IGIF would be most valuable.

- Request the High-level Group to consider and approve the nomination of:
  i) Mr. Tulu Besha Bedada, Ethiopia; and
  ii) Mr. Anders Sandin, Sweden

as the first Co-Chairs of the HLG-IGIF
AGENDA ITEM #4
Election of Co-Chairs (Secretariat)

b) Opening statements from Co-Chairs

AGENDA ITEM #5
Confirming the Role of the HLG-IGIF (Co-Chair, Sweden)

a) Key functions of the HLG-IGIF shall include, but not be limited to:

- Communicate, promote and grow the importance and relevance of the IGIF and other relevant UN-GGIM frameworks to policy and decision-makers within and outside the global geospatial information community;

- Engage with and provide guidance on how geospatial information can be communicated and managed at the executive leadership level, and can be elevated in decision-making roles within and across government to support global to national development agendas and priorities;

- Provide an enabling environment to discuss strategies and activities for strengthening national capacities to effectively manage geospatial resources in order to modernize national integrated geospatial information arrangements within and across countries and regions;

- Identify opportunities, including twinning arrangements, to develop reference resources and training materials on the implementation of the IGIF, in order to provide the best possible support for countries, in particular, countries in special situations;
AGENDA ITEM #5
Confirming the Role of the HLG-IGIF (Co-Chair, Sweden)

a) Key functions of the HLG-IGIF shall include, but not be limited to:

- Address and advocate for resource mobilization, including in the context of funding entities, to sustain and maintain the momentum and refinement of the IGIF as a continual evolving process; for strengthening capacities to design, develop and implement the IGIF at the country-level; as well as identifying ways to leverage the resources and creativity of academia, international geospatial societies, and the private sector, etc.;

- Mobilize resources and institutions inside and outside the geospatial information community, understand their needs, and if required, coordinate their actions to serve sustainable development as deemed appropriate, thereby further extending partnerships (i.e. foundations and development organizations); and

- Review and make recommendations on the IGIF, including revisions and future trends, to UN-GGIM, as appropriate.

b) Member and composition

- Core membership shall comprise the members of the Bureau of UN-GGIM and representatives of Member States, at the highest executive leadership level, from national geospatial information (or related) agencies nominated by the Bureaux of each of the five UN-GGIM Regional Committees;

- Membership shall be regionally representative and of equal balance between developed and developing countries, and with due consideration being given to countries in special situations where appropriate;

- Regional membership composition shall be as follows: Africa (4 members); Americas (4 members); Arab States (2 members); Asia and the Pacific (4 members); and Europe (4 members);

- Total membership of the HLG-IGIF comprises 22 Member States.
AGENDA ITEM #5
Confirming the Role of the HLG-IGIF (Co-Chair, Sweden)

c) Methods of work

➢ Principally through electronic exchanges and regular biannual meetings. Additional meetings may be decided by
the co-Chairs in consultation with the HLG-IGIF as appropriate. A physical meeting of the Group will be
conducted in conjunction with the annual session of UN-GGIM, when feasible.

➢ Work in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, and will operate with the assistance of a web-space to
facilitate collaboration, knowledge management and information sharing.

➢ May establish sub-groups or task teams, utilizing the expertise and experiences of Member States and relevant
experts, including from Regional Commissions of the United Nations and the World Bank, to work on particular
aspects of its work.

  The Group may also invite experts, as appropriate, from international organizations, academia, civil society, and the private
sector to contribute their expertise and experiences on implementation of the IGIF.

d) Confirm and adopt the Terms of Reference

AGENDA ITEM #6
Status of IGIF Implementation (Co-Chair, Sweden)
a) Operationalizing the IGIF, Implementation Guide and Country-level Action Plans (Secretariat)
133 Member States consulted on the IGIF and Implementation Guide

With more than 730 participants from almost 70% of the Member States of the United Nations, these workshops greatly informed, and enhanced the guidance contained in the IGIF and its Implementation Guide.

Have also convened workshops and seminars, including virtual, on the operationalization of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in all five regions of UN-GGIM

IGIF: Implementation Guide
Document Availability

The broad global consultation of the Implementation Guide realized 68 responses, yielding 1350 separate items to review. Many countries, both developed and developing, are now implementing the IGIF and developing Country-level Action Plans, based on the guidance and tools that are presently available. That said, as a living document, there is still more that needs to be done to improve and refine the Implementation Guide.

http://ggim.un.org/IGIF/part2.cshtml
Implementing national priorities and programmes, responding and recovering from crises, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be sub-optimal without frameworks, strategies and mechanisms to integrate data and information, providing the evidence for policy- and decision-making, and the measuring, monitoring and reporting processes.
AGENDA ITEM #6
Status of IGIF Implementation (Co-Chair, Sweden)

b) Publicity, communication and marketing

c) Coordination and coherence

d) E-learning
AGENDA ITEM #7
Functions and Initial Programme of Work (Co-Chair, Ethiopia)

a) Strategic issues to be addressed

b) Initial programme of work

AGENDA ITEM #8
Other Business (Co-Chair, Ethiopia)

a) Next meeting

Thank you

Anchored by nine Strategic Pathways, the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework is a mechanism for articulating and demonstrating national leadership in geospatial information, and the capacity to take positive steps.