UN EG–ISGI Consultation Meeting

Beijing, 25 October 2014

Agenda

Occurring between the following two UN events in Beijing:
- Third High Level Forum on UN Global Geospatial Information Management, 22-24 October
- International Conference on Big Data for Official Statistics, 28-31 October

Location:
(Venue to be announced by NASG)

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Purpose:
To review the work program of the UN EG-ISGI and establish plans for further progress

Work Programme:

1. Key outcomes of the Global Forum
   a) Review the summary-report of the Global Forum on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
   b) Discuss implications for UN EG-ISGI work program

2. Review and update existing UN EG-ISGI work program
   a) Review progress on existing UN EG-ISGI work program items
   b) Consider further items and priorities for the work program
   c) Identify candidate UN EG-ISGI members to lead work program items

3. Next expert group meeting
   a) Suggested timing: May 2015
   b) Determine location and host

Supporting Documents:
1. Summary Global Forum (see attached document)
2. Work Programme (see text below)
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<td>Developing and adopting a statistical-geospatial framework as a global standard for the integration of statistical and geospatial information</td>
<td>Australia</td>
<td>Identified by UNSC and UN-GGIM as the primary purpose of the Expert Group.</td>
<td>Determine a process for progressing adoption of the framework</td>
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<td>Form a subgroup to develop the International Conference proposal further.</td>
<td>Australia, Belize, Mexico, UN Statistics Division</td>
<td>Global Forum on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information held in New York, 4 – 5 August 2014</td>
<td>Integrate outcomes into UN EG-ISGI work program</td>
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<td>Develop a global consultation questionnaire on (a) geographical classifications and practices and (b) geocoding practices.</td>
<td>Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Poland, UN Statistics Division</td>
<td>Preliminary report on global geographic classification and geocoding practices circulated at the Global Forum.</td>
<td>Discuss preliminary report at the UN EG–ISGI Work Program Consultation Meeting, Beijing. Prepare final paper, incorporating comments and additional input from preliminary report, and table at next UN EG-ISGI</td>
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<td>Research the genesis, the advantages and disadvantages etc. of the grid-based and population/administrative [geography] approaches to the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of statistics.</td>
<td>Brazil, Finland, France, Saint Lucia, United States, European Commission</td>
<td>Presentation on this topic by the USA at the Beijing Workshop on the Integration of Geospatial and Statistical Information and at the Global Forum.</td>
<td>Discuss current findings at the UN EG–ISGI Work Program Consultation Meeting. Prepare final paper/report and table at next UN EG-ISGI</td>
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| Reach out to the **metadata standards groups** in both the statistical and geospatial communities.  
  - Timing to be determined by the Statistics Division. | Poland UN Statistics Division European Commission | Outreach has occurred to Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), with representatives attending the Global Forum.  
  - Topic discussed at the Global Forum. |  |
| □ **UN EG–ISGI Work Program Consultation Meeting** to consider Australian paper containing preliminary analysis of the topic and proposing a Small Expert Working Group incorporating statistical and geospatial metadata experts.  
  □ Consider inviting OGC to contribute to UN EG–ISGI work program activities on this topic |  |  |  |
| Reach out to the Statistics Division Demographic and Social Statistics Branch to discuss how the Expert Group can best engage with the **2020 round of population censuses**, with the focus on contributing, not doing.  
  - Timing: as soon as possible by the Statistics Division. | UN Statistics Division | Outreach has occurred within UN.  
  - Topic discussed at the Global Forum. | □ **UN EG–ISGI Work Program Consultation Meeting** to review chapter on geospatial from the Principles and recommendations for the 2020 Census Round |
| Start process of arriving at **common terminology**: collect existing information on terms, meanings, identify gaps, etc. | Finland UN Statistics Division European Comm. | No progress yet advised on this item. | □ **UN EG–ISGI Work Program Consultation Meeting** to receive an update on progress and discuss future plans |
| Develop a **[work program schedule]** with activities, their dates and those responsible for them. | UN Statistics Division | This item to date has been informally managed by the UN EG–ISGI co-chairs and UNSD. | □ **UN EG–ISGI Work Program Consultation Meeting** review activities, dates and responsibility for work program items |
| **Finalize and seek endorsement** by both the Statistical Commission and the GGIM-Committee of Experts to:  
  • terms of reference  
  • work programme  
  • international conference proposal | UN Statistics Division | These items completed by the UNSD. | □ UNSD will maintain reporting program in consultation with UN EG–ISGI co-chairs |