

**International Workshop on
Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Information**

9-12 June 2014, Beijing China

Information Note

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National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China

Introduction

The United Nations Statistics Division of DESA, as the Secretariat of the Statistical Commission and the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), and the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China (NASG) are jointly organizing the International Workshop on Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Information to be held from 9 to 12 June 2014 in Beijing, China.

Objectives

The International Workshop on Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Information will provide a platform for discussing priority issues related to developing and advancing the implementation of a global statistical-geospatial framework as a standard for the integration of statistical and geospatial information. The workshop will consist of a number of themes and sessions that will enable participants to engage with leading international experts to share experiences and methodologies, including in the following areas:

- Country experiences in the integration of socio-economic and environmental information using geography;
- Practices and approaches used to determine and represent geographical units, including geocoding, for statistical purposes;
- Comparison, including advantages, benefits, and issues, of grid-based versus population/administrative approaches to the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics;
- The importance of international standards development, and what existing standards are relevant for both geospatial and statistical communities;
- Statistical analysis of geospatial (environmental, social, and economic) information, and examples of how national SDI developments can support statistical operations; and
- Future challenges and trends to be considered by both the statistical and mapping organizations in integrating statistical and geospatial information. These include: technology; big data; the 2020 Round of Censuses; an emerging need for agriculture and economic censuses; environmental-economic accounting; and the post-2015 development agenda

Program

This International Workshop will be unique in that it will be bringing together for the first time a blend of global geospatial and statistical experts from Member States, and will be convened at NASG's Headquarters in Beijing. It will consist of three days of international presentations and dialogue in specific sessions and themes from Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 June, followed by technical visits on Thursday 12 June. The format is as described in the table below.

Monday 9 June	Opening Ceremony and Keynote Addresses	09:00-12:30
	Lunch	12:30-14:00
	Session 1 Country experiences in integrating statistical and geospatial information using geography	14:00-17:30
Tuesday 10 June	Session 2 Approaches to determine and represent geographical units, including geocoding, for statistics	09:00-12:30
	Lunch	12:30-14:00
	Session 3 Comparisons of grid-based versus administrative approaches to the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics	14:00-17:30
Wednesday 11 June	Session 4 Statistical analysis of geospatial (environmental, social, etc.) information, and relevance of SDI's and international standards	09:00-12:30
	Lunch	12:30-14:00
	Session 5 Positioning for the future: trends in technology, big data, 2020 Round of Censuses, and the post-2015 development agenda	14:00-17:30
Thursday 12 June	Technical Visits	09:30-16:00

Language of the Workshop

The workshop will be conducted in English, and Chinese-English simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Registration

All participants are kindly required to fill out and return the registration form to the host, NASG of China (Email: nasgun.haomh@sbsm.gov.cn; Fax: +86 10 63882222). The information you provide on the registration form will be used for visa documentation, hotel reservation and workshop preparation.

Visa

Foreigners from most countries are required to obtain a visa to enter China. For detailed visa policies, please consult your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country. When you fill out the registration form, please

indicate whether you need the official visa documentation. Upon receipt of the registration form, the host will prepare and send the official visa documentation to those who need it.

Venue

The Workshop will be held at the headquarters of National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China (NASG). The address is: No. 28 Lianhuachixi Road, Haidian District, Beijing 100830, China.

Accommodation

Block reservations have been made at preferential rates at Beijing Xinyuan Hotel. The host will book your room according to your choice on the registration form. Participants who wish to stay at other hotels are responsible for their own hotel room reservations.

Beijing Xinyuan Hotel
Add: No.6 Shifangyuan Haidian Beijing
Tel: +86 10 63901166
Website: www.xinyuanhotelbeijing.cn

Transportation

The participants will be picked up on arrival at the Beijing Capital International Airport and transferred to Beijing Xinyuan Hotel. Transfer service between the venue and the hotel will be provided during the workshop.

Technical Visits

Technical visits to the Satellite Surveying and Mapping Application Center of NASG and China's National Geoportal – Map World will be arranged on Thursday June 12, 2014. Please indicate whether you are going to participate in the technical visits on your registration form.

About Beijing

As the capital city of China, Beijing is country's political, cultural and educational center, as well as a transportation hub. It covers an area of 16,808 square kilometers with a population of about 13 million. Beijing is an ancient city, established more than 3000 years ago. The long and brilliant history has left Beijing many attractions, including the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Temple of Heaven, and the Summer Palace. Beijing is a modern city, too. On the streets of Beijing, high-rise buildings, shopping malls, hotels, restaurants, comprehensive and busy traffic networks keep telling you the stories of its modern achievements.

Weather and Clothing

June is the beginning of summer in Beijing. Average daytime temperatures range from 25°C-30°C (77°F-86°F). Casual clothing like T-shirts is recommended for outdoor activities. The meeting rooms and hotel rooms are air-conditioned.

Currency

The Chinese currency is RMB. The current exchange rate is about 1 USD: 6.2 RMB. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, hotels, and airports. Most hotels, restaurants, and shops accept major international credit cards including Visa and MasterCard.

Time

The standard time used in all regions of China is 8 hours ahead of GMT.

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