

UN Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (UN EG-ISGI) - Third Meeting 25-26 April 2016

Work Program Status

<p><i>updated from outcomes from the 2nd meeting in Lisbon</i> http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/2nd%20UN-EG-ISGI/EG-ISGI-Second%20Meeting-Summary-.pdf</p>		
UN EG-ISGI work program items	Sub-group nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Progress to date <input type="checkbox"/> Next Steps
<p>Developing and adopting a statistical-geospatial framework as a global standard for the integration of statistical and geospatial information</p>	<p>Australia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Identified by UNSC and UN-GGIM as the primary purpose of the Expert Group. ❖ The Global Framework paper has gone out to the Expert Group for consultation and comments have been incorporated. A new version of the paper was tabled at the UNSC meeting March 2016. <input type="checkbox"/> Determine a process for progressing adoption of the framework
<p>Develop a global consultation questionnaire on (a) geographical classifications and practices and (b) geocoding practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on the existing questionnaires from the global geospatial information management process to ensure coordination rather than duplication. • In time to present findings to the fourth session of the Committee of Experts (UN-GGIM) and the international conference. 	<p>Australia Brazil Mexico Poland UN Statistics Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Preliminary report on global geographic classification and geocoding practices circulated at the Global Forum. ❖ Final report was tabled at the 2nd meeting of the Expert Group at Lisbon. <input type="checkbox"/> This item is now complete.

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<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In parallel with the work on the questionnaire (above). • In time to present findings at the international conference. 	<p>Brazil Finland France Saint Lucia United States European Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pros and cons of administrative areas and grid areas were presented at the 2nd Expert Group meeting and discussed. The Expert Group agreed that the presented pros and cons were a useful aid in deciding between the two approaches for particular applications. The Expert Group concluded that the preferred approach was to collect the finest level geography possible (preferably longitude/latitude), so that any geography can be constructed from the collection unit level. ☐ The USA agreed to tidy up the list of pros and cons. ☐ UNSD will then undertake a global consultation, with the intent of submitting the list with the Global Statistical-Geospatial Framework to UNSC and UN-GGIM in 2016 for adoption.
<p>Reach out to the metadata standards groups in both the statistical and geospatial communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing to be determined by the Statistics Division. 	<p>Poland UN Statistics Division European Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Outreach has occurred to Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), with representatives attending the Global Forum. ❖ Topic discussed at the Global Forum. ❖ Discussed at the 2nd Expert Group meeting ❖ The 2nd Expert Group meeting in Lisbon considered Australian paper containing preliminary analysis of the topic and a Small Expert Working Group incorporating statistical and geospatial metadata experts was proposed. ☐ 2nd Expert Group meeting recommended establishing a small Working Group from Expert Group and standards organisations (still to be established).

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<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing: as soon as possible by the Statistics Division. 	<p>UN Statistics Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Outreach has occurred within UN. ❖ Topic discussed at the Global Forum. ❖ The Expert Group considered this at the 2nd EG meeting and concluded that UN-GGIM should be more involved in the 2020 round of censuses and consider funding for capacity development. This topic should be on the agenda of the next EG meeting <p>☐ UN EG–ISGI Work Program Consultation Meeting to review chapter on geospatial from the Principles and recommendations for the 2020 Census Round.</p> <p>☐ The Expert Group specifically recommended the update of the Handbook on Geospatial Infrastructure in Support of Census Activities</p> <p>☐ The Expert Group requested UNSD to cooperate with UNFPA in order to promote the Handbook, particularly for the least developed countries and small Pacific islands.</p>
<p>Start process of arriving at common terminology: collect existing information on terms, meanings, identify gaps, etc.</p>	<p>Finland UN Statistics Division European Comm.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The European Commission proposed steps on Common Terminology at the 2nd EG meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. develop a list of definitions and synonyms; 2. form a small editorial board of experts from both the statistical and geospatial communities; 3. the editorial board review the list of terms/synonyms, proposing additional and redundant terms/synonyms; 4. seek agreement by the expert group; 5. transfer the terminology to a web-repository. <p>☐ It was agreed that the European Commission would complete step (1)</p> <p>☐ UNSD completing steps (2) to (5).</p>
<p>Develop a [work program] schedule with activities, their dates and those responsible for them.</p>	<p>UN Statistics Division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This item to date has been informally managed by the UN EG–ISGI co-chairs and UNSD. <p>☐ UN EG–ISGI Work Program Consultation Meeting review activities, dates and responsibility for work program items</p>

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Finalize and seek endorsement by both the Statistical Commission and the GGIM-Committee of Experts to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• terms of reference• work programme• international conference proposal	UN Statistics Division	❖ These items completed by the UNSD. <input type="checkbox"/> UNSD will maintain reporting program in consultation with UN EG-ISGI co-chairs