



# **Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources Government of Tonga**

**NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS  
FOR GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

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# CONTEXT

**April 2018 –**

1. UN-GGIM International Workshop on Legal and Policy Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management: Licensing of Geospatial Information (Regional Meeting)
2. Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council Meeting

## UN-GGIM International Workshop on Legal and Policy Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management: Licensing of Geospatial Information (Regional Meeting)

### RAISING AWARENESS

- ▶ Role and options on licensing in geospatial information management
- ▶ Highlighted the different types of laws and policies that impact the collection, storage, dissemination and use of geospatial information and provided examples of laws and policies around the world, and the impact that these laws and policies have on geospatial information management.
- ▶ Key legal issues in geospatial information management - Discussed legal concepts and operational considerations that address and allocate rights, restrictions, responsibilities and risks within a geospatial information ecosystem that includes collectors, producers, custodians, customers and citizens.

## CHALLENGES

- ▶ Constraints with the lack of capacity and capability, outdated laws and regulations and for some, the absence of an appropriate legal and regulatory provisions within their jurisdiction.
- ▶ Evolving and increasingly complex legal and policy environment that will impact the availability, accessibility and application of geospatial information to support and implement national development priorities, community level programs, regional development initiatives, and globally agreed development agenda including the Sendai Framework, the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council

- PGSC established in 2014
- Charter with 14 members PIC and Territories
- PGSC Strategy (2017-2027) – launched in April 2018 by the Hon. Prime Minister of Tonga
- Mission – Pacific Island survey and geospatial services are sufficiently resourced to respond to member country needs and geospatial requirements for sustainable development
- Implementation – supporting national plans to enhance legislative and policy frameworks



The strategy aims:

1. To demonstrate the critical nature of geospatial and surveying information and services and the development and maintenance of these services in the Pacific region;
2. To articulate the collaborative aspirations of the region's geospatial and surveying professionals in advancing capacity;
3. To guide the development of sustainable geospatial and surveying information and services in Pacific Island Countries and Territories, and;
4. To serve as an entry point for engagement with internal and external partners.

# The Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council Strategy 2017-2027



*Positioning Pacific Island  
Countries and Territories  
for the Future*