



## **Sixth Meeting of the United Nations Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information**

**The Stanley Room, Midland Hotel, Manchester, United Kingdom  
8 – 9 October 2019**

### **INFORMATION NOTE**

#### **Introduction**

The sixth meeting of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information will be held on 8 - 9 October 2019 in the Stanley Room of the Midland Hotel, in Manchester, United Kingdom. This will be the first face-to-face meeting of its members since the adoption of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) by UN-GGIM at its ninth session in August 2019.

UN-GGIM adopted the GSGF at its ninth session in August 2019, in making decision 9/106, which recognised that the GSGF is an important bridge that enables a range of data to be integrated from both statistical and geospatial communities. With this adoption, the GSGF will be tabled for consideration and hopeful endorsement by the Statistical Commission at its 51st session in March 2020. As such, the Expert Group now turns to the task of raising awareness, supporting capacity development, and the implementation of the GSGF (including through the various regional geo-statistical frameworks and initiatives), to plan its future work program, and to identify the pathway towards the production of materials that will enable national, regional and global efforts in geo-statistical integration.

At this meeting, the Expert Group will review and deliberate its future work plan, in-line with UN-GGIM's decision 9/106. This will include: Discussion regarding its work and plans to support the promotion, awareness-raising, and implementation of the GSGF and its work on statistical geospatial integration and coordination, in particular pertaining to the SDGs and the 2020 round of Population and Housing Censuses. Importantly, the Expert Group will also consider its ongoing modalities and organisation of work. This will be achieved through reviewing: its leadership and membership; its Terms of Reference; and, Work Plan for the biennium of 2020 - 2021 for the review and consideration of the Statistical Commission at its 51st session and by UN-GGIM at its tenth session, both in 2020.

#### **Organisers**

This meeting logistics are kindly organised by the Office for National Statistics and Ordnance Survey GB of the United Kingdom and occurs prior to the European Forum for Geography and Statistics 2019 Conference organised by the Office for National Statistics and Ordnance Survey GB with support from the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) and the European Forum for Geography and Statistics (EFGS).



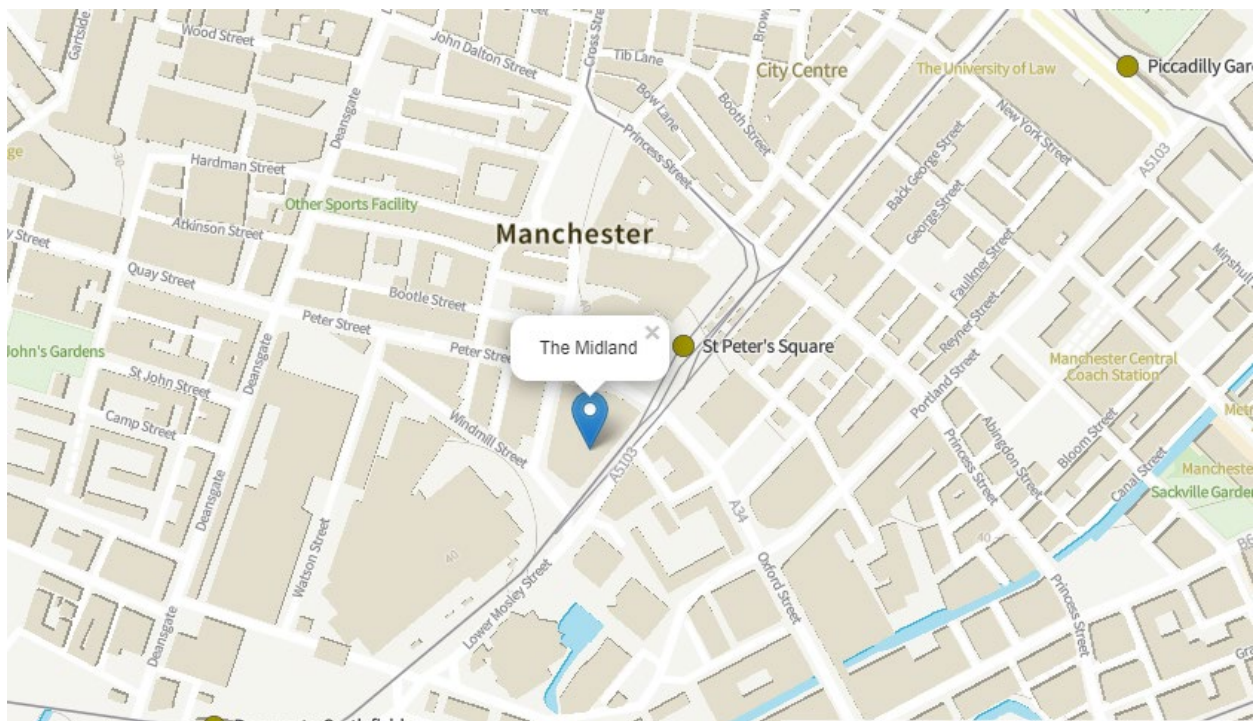
## Venue



The sixth meeting of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (EG-ISGI), will take place in the Stanley Room of the Midland Hotel in Manchester, United Kingdom.

Address: **The Stanley Room, Midland Hotel, 16 Peter Street, Manchester M60 2DS**

Telephone: (+44) 161 236 3333



## Accommodation

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements.

The Midland Hotel is the venue for the meeting, but various hotels are within the immediate vicinity of various degrees of price and luxury:

- Radisson Blu Edwardian (5\*), Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester M2 5GP, +44 161 835 9929
- Novotel Manchester Centre (4\*), 21 Dickinson St, Manchester M1 4LX, UK, +44 161 235 2200
- Premier Inn Central (3\*), 7-11 Lower Mosley St, Manchester M2 3DW, UK, +44 333 321 1308



## Transportation

The nearest international airport is Manchester International Airport (MAN), with various options of travel from the airport to the meeting venue area:

- Tram: from Manchester Airport to St Peter's Square – 50 minutes, but to the door: £4.60 single.
- Rail: from Airport to Oxford Road Station – 20 minutes plus 10-minute walk or taxi ride.
- Rail: from London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly – 2 hours and 20 minutes plus 15 min walk or taxi.
- Taxi: from Manchester Airport – 25 minutes; from Manchester Piccadilly – 10 minutes.

Other international airports within the United Kingdom can be used to access Manchester, including Heathrow and Gatwick Airports which serve London, and Birmingham International Airport. While these are connected to Manchester by rail, participants are however urged to consider additional complexities and costs of this.

## Climate

Manchester in October will have an average temperature of between 47°F - 56°F / 8°C - 13 °C with a high chance of rain. Warm clothing and a waterproof coat are recommended. Please check the latest weather information prior to your departure: <https://www.bbc.com/weather/2643123>

## Language

The official language in the United Kingdom is English.

## Currency

The unit of currency in the UK is the British Pound - click here for a currency converter.

## Electricity

The standard voltage supply in the UK is 240 volts. Delegates should bring 3-pin plug adaptors for electrical equipment.

## Tourist Information

Manchester is a major city in the northwest of England with a rich industrial heritage. The Castlefield conservation area's 18th-century canal system recalls the city's days as a textile powerhouse, and visitors can trace this history at the interactive Museum of Science & Industry. The revitalised Salford Quays dockyards now house the Daniel Libeskind-designed Imperial War Museum North and the Lowry cultural centre. As a cultural, sporting, and trade hub, Manchester is well worth a longer stay. Further information can be found on the Manchester Tourist website: <https://www.visitmanchester.com/>





## Emergencies

The telephone number for emergency calls in the UK is 999. You can still call 112 for emergency services in the UK too.

## Visa and Entry Requirements

Participants must be in possession of a passport valid for at least six months to visit the United Kingdom. A visa may be required to visit the United Kingdom and participants are advised to refer to the Government of the United Kingdom's visa information service prior to commencing their travel: <https://www.gov.uk/visit-uk-business-trip>

## Contact Persons

The purpose of this document is to provide invited participants with useful information to facilitate their participation in the EG-ISGI meeting. For further clarification or questions, particularly about local logistical and meeting arrangements, please contact:

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