

First Expert Meeting of the
Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information
7 – 9 March, 2019,
Busan, Korea

Objectives and Expected Outcomes



WG Objectives



- Play a leading role at the policy level by raising political awareness and highlighting the importance of reliable, timely and fit-for-purpose marine geospatial information to support the administration, management and governance of the inland waters, marine and ocean environments;
- Encourage the use of internationally agreed-upon geospatial information frameworks, schemas, systems and established standards to improve the growing inter-dependent relationships between people and the marine environments; and
- Support the Committee of Experts in the development of norms, principles, guides and standards to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable geospatial information including any regional capacity development initiatives.



Membership – Current Composition

18 Member States

The International Hydrographic Organization

Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations

2 from UN-GGIM Private Sector Network (Esri and Ocean Wise)

* Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
(wishes to be kept informed)

co-Chairs – Burkina Faso and United States of America



Meeting Objectives



- Promote global cooperation towards improving the availability, accessibility and application of marine geospatial information;
- Review the progress and results of its work plan - its tasks and activities;
- Review the rationale, scope and intent on a use case exercise, discuss and agree on way forward including timelines and deliverables;
- Better understand global, regional and national circumstances and initiatives including the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and the Seabed 2030 project;



Meeting Objectives



- Consider and address new and emerging issues, challenges and opportunities;
- Coordinate with other expert and working groups including related activities and initiatives on geographic standards for hydrography and marine spatial data infrastructures; and
- Consider, discuss and prioritize actions, cognizant of UN-GGIM decisions and guidance and the agreed objectives of the Working Group, and where appropriate, revise and update the Working Group's work plan.



Work Plan Progress Update

- Recognize Capacity Development Initiatives which may Benefit from WG Activities – *Excellent start on identifying opportunities*
- Liaise with Relevant Organizations including IHO and GGIM Regional Entities – *Members have attended regional entities, IOC, and UNCLOS, excellent IHO participation*
- Recognize and endorse established standards for geospatial information in marine and inland waters - *S-121 Side Event*



Work Plan Progress Update

- Communications Plan – *Published in 2018*
- Use Case Report – *Outline produced, more this week*



Leadership	Coordination	Capacity Development	Standards	Inclusion
Provide Leadership in setting the agenda for the development of global geospatial information and to promote its use to address key global challenges	Provide a forum for coordination and dialogue with and among Member States and relevant international organizations on enhanced cooperation	Provide a platform for the development of effective strategies to build and strengthen national capacity and capability concerning geospatial information, especially in developing countries	Propose work-plans, frameworks and guidelines to promote common principles, policies, methods, standards and mechanisms for the interoperability and use of geospatial data and services	Make joint decisions and set the direction for the production and use of geospatial information within and across national, regional and global policy frameworks



Focus for next 12 months

- Complete first draft of Use Case Report
- Further refine capacity building opportunities and initiatives for advancing WG-MGI objectives
- Identify WG members to participate in regional groups
- Expand membership, reach out to landlocked member states



Thank You



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