

**First expert meeting of the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information**  
Haeundae Grand Hotel, Busan, Republic of Korea  
7 – 9 March 2019

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

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**Thursday, 7 March 2019**

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**08:30 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.**

**Registration of Members and Invited Observers**

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**09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Session #1 - Opening session**

*The segment will include welcome remarks, introduces both the meeting participants and the meeting agenda, inform the meeting of related safety, housekeeping and organizational matters, and the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, its programme of work and priorities.*

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**10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Break**

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**11:00 a.m. – 13:00 p.m.**

**Session #2 - Introduction and Setting the Scene**

*This segment provides general introductions, overviews and updates as well as invited special contributions to brief and raise awareness of the Working Group on a number of related initiatives and activities, to set the scene and to begin to discuss progress and opportunities with respect to the Working Group's current work plan for the biennium 2018/2019. The co-Chairs will also outline the objectives and expected outcomes of the Busan meeting of the Working Group.*

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**13:00 p.m. – 14:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

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**14:00 p.m. – 17:30 p.m.**

**Session #3 - Work plan - progress to date and focus for the next 12 months**

*This segment continues to set the scene and discuss progress with respect to the Working Group's current work plan for the biennium 2018/2019. The segment seeks to review the Working Group's work plan, its tasks and activities, the progress to date, the achievements and any concerns. It will allow the Working Group to also consider issues, challenges and opportunities including from new and emerging initiatives, and to work together and develop priority actions, approaches and next steps.*

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**17:30 p.m. – 18:00 p.m.**

**Summarizing Day #1**

*This segment seeks to summarize salient discussions and outcomes from Day #1 with some participants sharing their observations, key take-aways, and summaries.*

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**08:30 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.**

**Regrouping**

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**09:00 a.m. – 13:00 p.m.**

**Session #4 – Use case exercise: concept and scope, probable results and outcomes, and next steps**

*The meeting reconvenes, and this segment will consider and discuss the overall concept and scope of the proposed use case exercise, the intent and desired outcomes. The Working Group is to review and discuss the potential of this use case exercise to identify issues, problems and solutions as relates to the availability, accessibility, interoperability and application of marine geospatial information, and to explore and understand linkages to national geospatial information infrastructures.*

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**13:00 p.m. – 14:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

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**14:00 p.m. – 17:30 p.m.**

**Session #5 – Addressing new and emerging issues, challenges and opportunities**

*The Committee of Experts requested the Working Group to encourage enhanced global cooperation in mapping the seas and oceans with an emphasis on integrating the terrestrial and marine geospatial information domains including inland tributary hydrographic data, whilst cognizant that standards, data availability and accessibility, capacity development, and intergovernmental coordination all play important roles in this process. This segment will engage a number of members of the Working Groups and stakeholders to identify, discuss and consider addressing the request by the Committee of Experts, as well as new and emerging issues, including national issues, that the Working Group should note and consider within its work plan and activities.*

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**17:30 p.m. – 18:00 p.m.**

**Summarizing Day #1**

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**08:30 a.m. –09:00 a.m.**

**Regrouping**

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**09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Session #6 – Next Steps and Wrap-up**

*The Working Group seeks to review and update its current workplan. In this segment, the Working Group will discuss and agree on next steps, activities, deliverables, and milestones to continue to: (i) raise awareness and to highlight the significance of reliable, timely and fit-for-purpose marine geospatial information; (ii) encourage the use of internationally agreed frameworks, systems and standards; and (iii) support global efforts to significantly improve the availability, accessibility and application of geospatial information including capacity and capability development; for the wellbeing of society and it's relationships with the environment and economy.*

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**12:00 p.m. –13:00 p.m.**

**Session #7 - Closing**

*The meeting will be brought to a close with vote of thanks to the host and some closing remarks.*

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