

Second expert meeting of the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information
Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde, Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany
 24 – 28 February 2020

Agenda Item #1
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United Nations Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information

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Members:

Algeria, Australia, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Germany, Greece,
 India, Italy, Jamaica, Korea (Republic of), Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand,
 Norway, Oman, Tonga, United Kingdom, United States of America (22 Member States)
 International Hydrographic Organization, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs
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H. Marine geospatial information

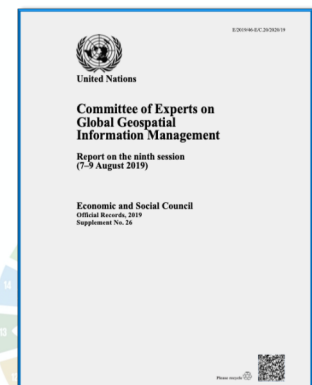
43. At its 4th meeting, on 8 August, the Committee of Experts considered agenda item 10. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on marine geospatial information ([E/C.20/2020/11](#)) which was introduced by the Co-Chair of the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information.

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Marine geospatial information

The Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management:

- (a) Welcomed the report of the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information, and noted its progress, including the initiation of a use-case exercise on data availability and interoperability, and the successful convening of its first formal meeting in Busan, Republic of Korea in March 2019;
- (b) Noted that the Working Group has utilized the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework as a mechanism for articulating and demonstrating national leadership in marine geospatial information, and that its nine strategic pathways are means towards implementing integrated marine geospatial information systems in a way that will deliver a vision for sustainable social, economic and environmental development;



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The Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management:

- (c) Recognizing that marine geospatial information must be made available, accessible and discoverable for a multiplicity of purposes, the Working Group was invited to consider the variety of marine data sources that may be available, and in this regard, consider capacity development activities to strengthen marine geospatial information capabilities in developing countries and Small island developing states;
- (d) Noted the Working Group's updated work plan for the biennium 2019 – 2020 and requested that the Group consider engaging with the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, and related international initiatives, including the Seabed 2030 project;
- (e) Noted that the participation of the International Hydrographic Organization and the Open Geospatial Consortium has strengthened the Working Group's commitment to promoting geospatial standards, including the S-100 suite of standards, and looks forward to the preparation of a practical guide for the use of geospatial standards in marine data;
- (f) Requested the Working Group to consider extending the use-case exercise to a broader audience beyond the Working Group so as to enable better understanding the challenges and issues the Working Group need to address, including to provide real-world examples of the benefits of and need for readily available and accessible marine geospatial information;



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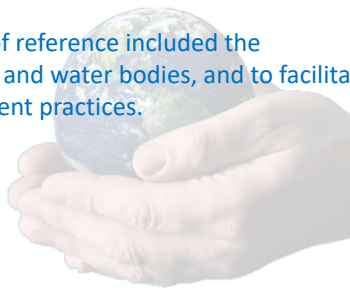
Marine geospatial information (contd)

The Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management:

- (g) Encouraged broader geographic participation from Member States in the Working Group, including from Africa and Small island developing states;
- (h) Noted that the Working Group’s terms of reference included the consideration of coastal zones, inland waterways and water bodies, and to facilitate integrated ecosystems geospatial data management practices.



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Provisional agenda and Organization of work

Wednesday, 26 February 2020

14:00 – 18:00

- Agenda #1 – Welcome and introductions
- Agenda #2 – Reports and updates
- Agenda #3 – Initiatives and activities

Thursday, 27 February 2020

08:30 – 12:30

Agenda #4 – Use case exercise

13:30 – 17:30

Agenda #5 – UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in the Marine Domain



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Friday, 28 February 2020

08:30 – 12:30

Agenda #6 – Items related to the objectives and work plan of the Working Group

13:30 – 17:00

Agenda #7 – Next steps and wrap-up

Agenda #8 – Closing





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UN-GGIM Strategic Framework 2018 – 2022

CONTEXT	VISION	<i>Positioning geospatial information to effectively address global challenges</i>					
	MISSION	<i>Operating within agreed policies and institutional arrangements, and as an interconnected global community of practice, provide leadership to ensure that geospatial information and resources are coordinated, maintained, accessible, and able to be leveraged by Member States and society to find sustainable solutions for social, economic and environmental development</i>					
	MANDATED STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	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	
GLOBAL POLICY FRAMEWORK	Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development						
	Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030	SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway	Addis Ababa Action Agenda	Paris Agreement on Climate Change	New Urban Agenda	Our Ocean, Our Future: Call for Action	


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