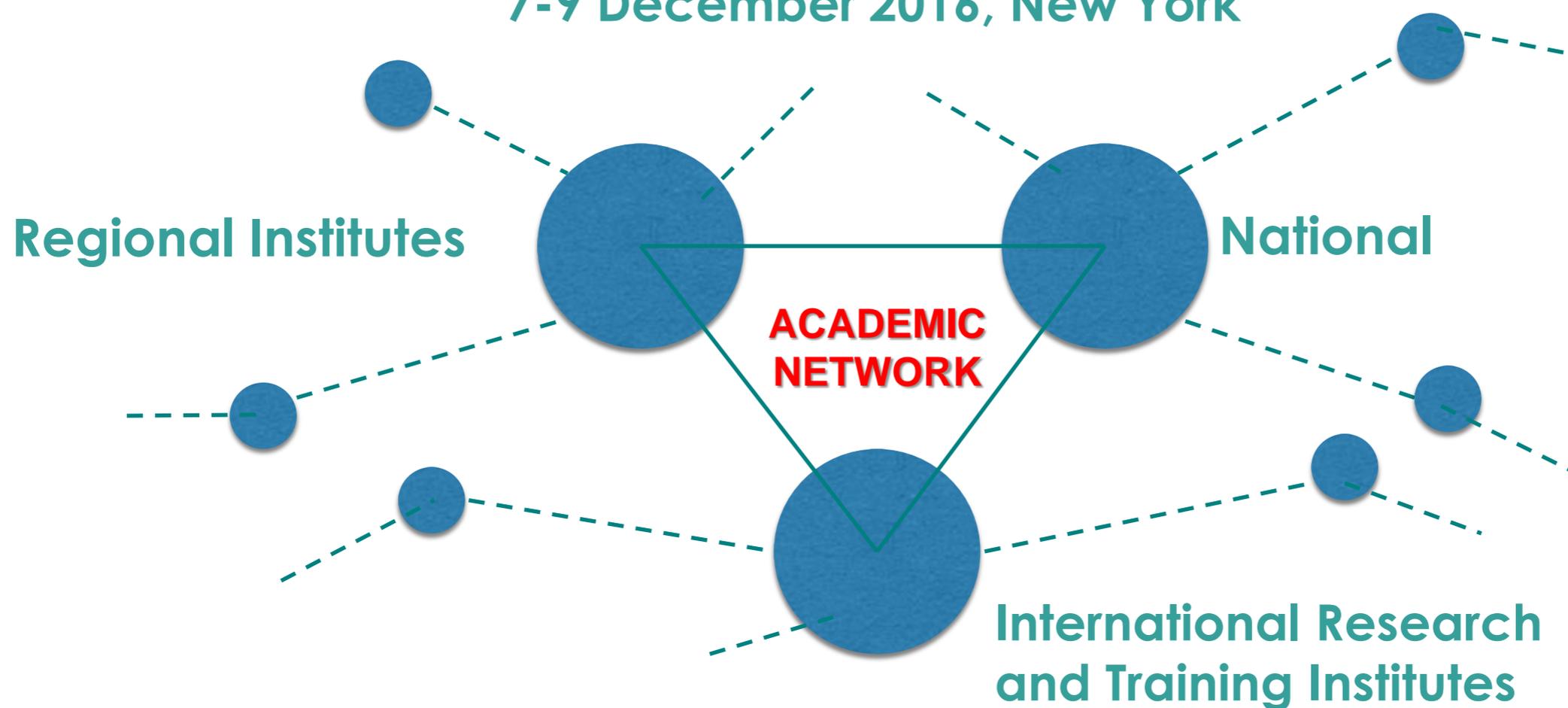


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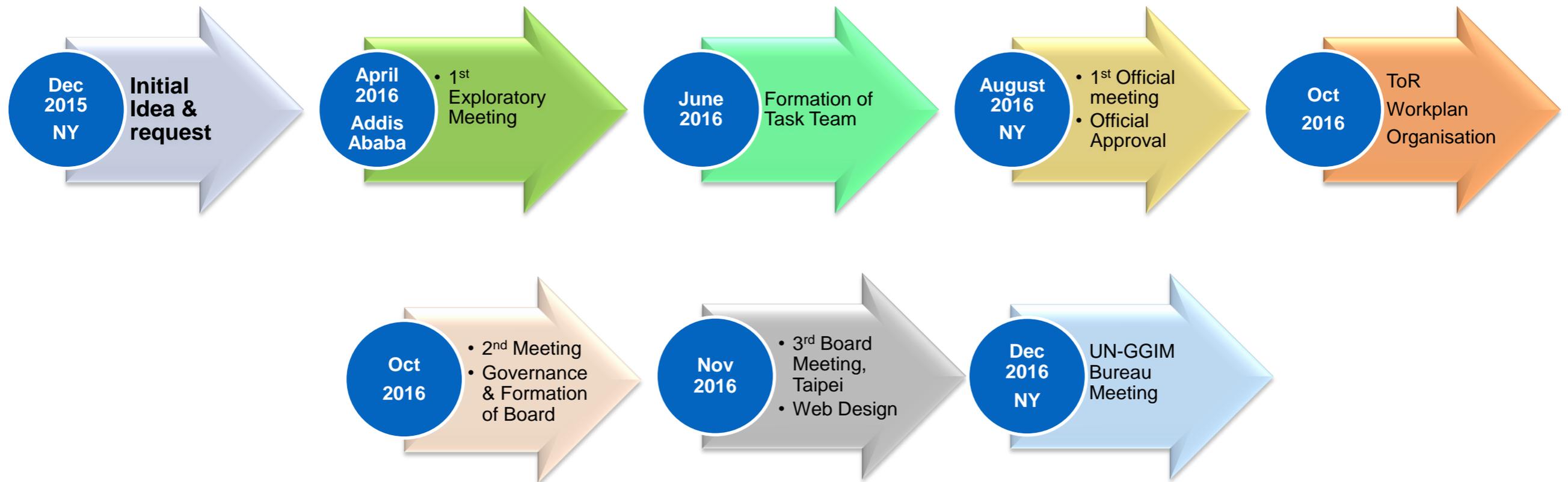


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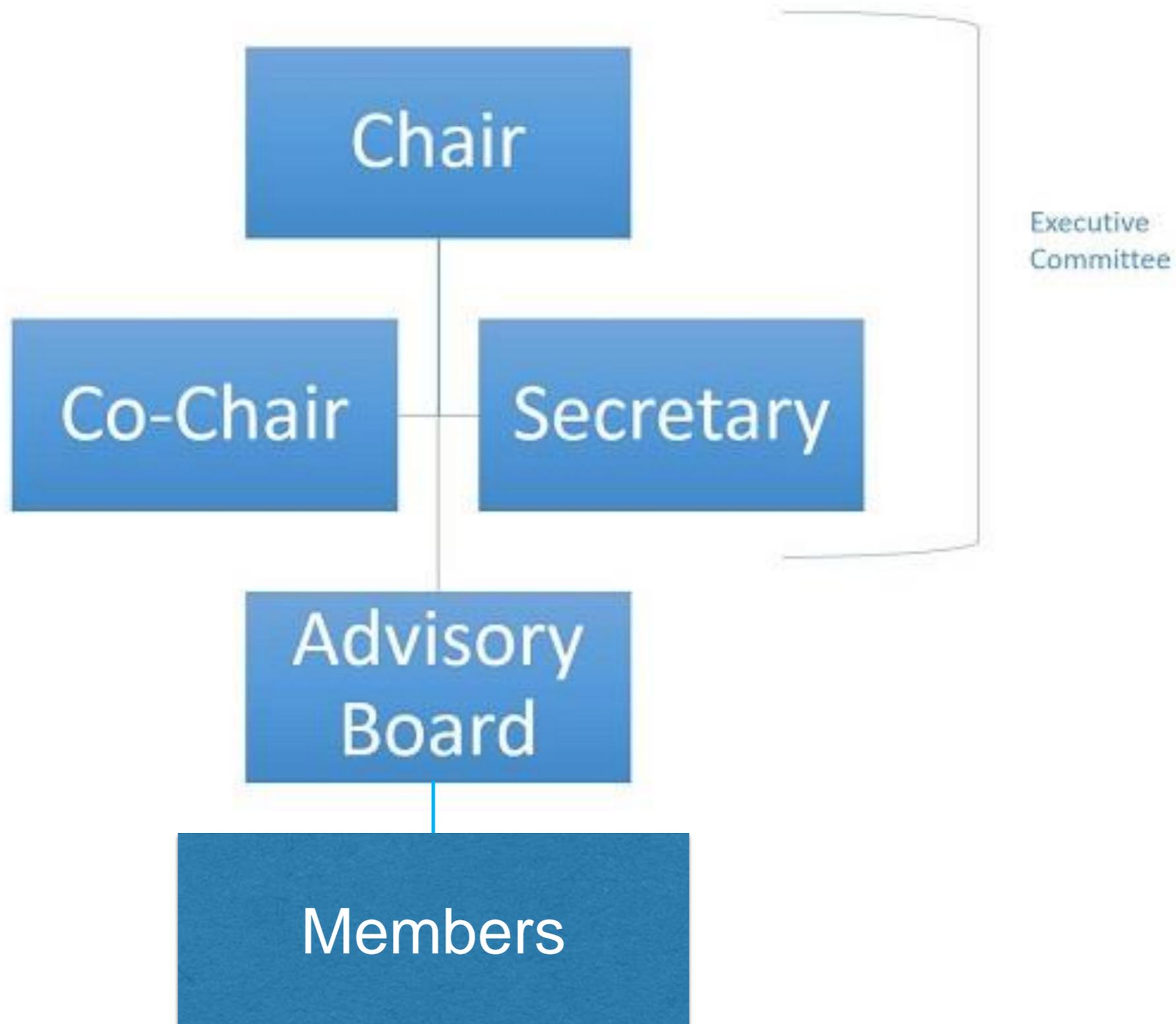
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- The **Academic Network** is a **coalition of recognized universities, research and education centers** or equivalent involved in the research, development and training on geospatial and land information and related matters.
- The **Academic Network** **will be a platform** for the academic community to contribute and support UN-GGIM in achieving its vision and goals and as **a strategic arm** to empower their process in the form of strategic knowledge, research, education and training,
- The **Academic Network** will provide both **research and education capabilities** for UN-GGIM, its Regional Organisations, WGs and affiliated members to identify and response to challenges and opportunities in which UN-GGIM can achieve their visions.

Major Activities and Steps



Academic Network Governance



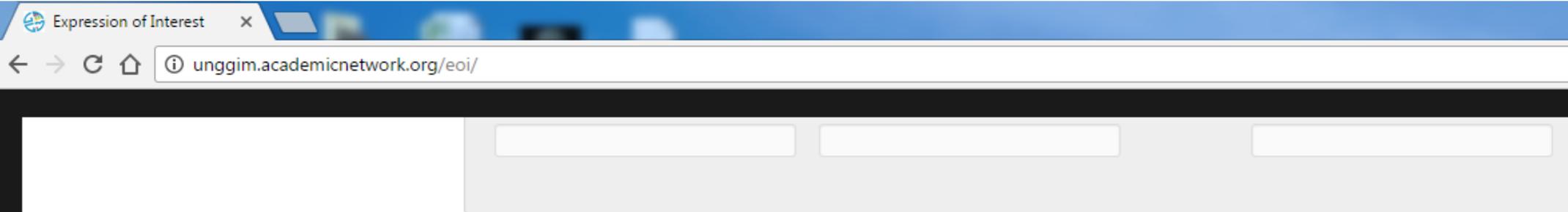
Academic Network Board

- Prof Abbas Rajabifard, The University of Melbourne, Australia (**Chair**)
- Prof Daniel Páez, University of Los Andes, Colombia (**Secretary**)
- Deputy Chair (TBA)

Advisory Board

- Prof Huayi Wu, Wuhan University, China
- Prof Joep Crompvoets, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Prof David Coleman, University of New Brunswick, Canada
- Prof Harlan Onsrud, University of Maine, USA
- Prof Menno-Jan Kraak, University of Twente, Netherlands
- Prof Josef Strobl, University of Salzburg, Austria
- Prof Maria Antonia Brovelli, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- Prof Jide Kufoniyi, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

Academic Network Website



V. Attestations and Agreements

LETTER OF INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT

The following statement must be contained on the letterhead of the institution and signed by the President (or similarly named head) of the Institution in a Letter of Commitment. Alternatively, the letter may be provided and signed by a unit head that has authorization to act for the institution as a whole in the matters attested to in the letter.

Required Language in the Letter: "If admitted to the UN-GGIM Academic Network, commits to fulfilling the

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AGREEMENTS AS CONFIRMED BY SUBMISSION OF EOI

• Through its delegates or other specialists, each member organization is expected to contribute substantively to the work of at least one UN-GGIM Academic Network committee or initiative each year. • UN-GGIM Academic Network institutional members are allowed to use the UN-GGIM Academic Network logo on their web sites and in other written materials. • UN-GGIM Academic Network institutional members are banned from using the standard United Nations logo unless they receive explicit written authorized permission to do so. Through the act of submission of this Expression of Interest (EOI) and upon admission to the UN-GGIM Academic Network, our institution agrees to and commits to fulfilling these obligations.

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I have read and understand this agreement, and I accept and agree to all of its terms and conditions.

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Initial Tasks and Activities

- Prepare "ToRs" for the Academic Network.
- Develop a process for membership in the Network.
- Design and create a web platform to facilitate the membership and activities
- Prepare an initial workplan for its activities.

Academic Network

Membership, Composition and Terms of Office

- In order to become a member, **an Expression of Interest (EoI)** with a statement on the capabilities and availability to respond to UN-GGIM academic and research support needs should be submitted to the Academic Network Secretariat.
- A country could have more than one institution accepted in the network. However, each member would nominate one leading academic and up to 2 delegates to the network.
- The **Academic Network** will meet regularly at the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts, High Level Forum, and any formal meetings.
- If considered appropriate, **the Academic Network will establish sub-regional groups inline with UN-GGIM Regional Organisations** and or task teams to focus on particular aspects of the programs under its oversight.
- The **Academic Network** will have at least one member in each UN-GGIM Expert Groups and Working Groups.

Academic Network Workplan

To achieve the Academic Network's objectives, the workplan will focus on:

- The current UN-GGIM WGs' workplans to identify the areas for support and input, and actively participating in their activities.
- Call and promote for membership and engagement via dedicated website.
- Conducting a Forum in conjunction with the next UNGGIM Committee of Expert Meeting, August 2017.
- In close collaboration with other UN-GGIM entities, Identify relevant items and opportunities for closer collaboration and contribution within the context of UN-GGIM work and Agenda
- Training and research registry, Inventory of current capabilities, training programs, MOOCs, facilities, current projects, etc. relevant to UN-GGIM activities,

THANK YOU