

**Committee of Experts on
Global Geospatial Information Management
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Item 4 of the agenda

Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Dear Chair, Delegates, Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to very briefly introduce UN-GGIMs Thematic Groups. All relevant reports and documents can be found under Agenda item 4. I'll now introduce all four of them separately

The Geospatial Societies

- Currently we develop workshops to locally support the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, especially Strategic Pathway 8 on Capacity and Education
- An example is the joint open access publication by ICA and UNGIS 'Mapping for a Sustainable World', which besides the book offers ready made teaching materials
- The Geospatial Societies encourage our local members, the professional associations within a country, to strengthen the geospatial capacity for practitioners and students within those countries

The Academic Network

- Currently we are preparing a book related to COVID19, demonstrating the role of geospatial information and community resilience
- Also we are developing an online training platform
- Doing innovative research on SDG implementation
- Constantly expanding membership to be able to better support UN_GGIM

The Private Sector Network

- Currently supporting Member States in their response to COVID19
- An example was the Virtual Geospatial Summit organized by Private Sector Network for the Americas focusing on using geospatial information in the fight against COVID-19

The UN Geospatial Network

- During this period the Network has grown from 26 to 35 UN entities and produced two main publications, UN Geospatial Blueprint and a UN Geospatial Landscape. Both have been developed in close consultation with the entire UN system, completed through consensus
- The blueprint is a strategy, it will anchor the ongoing work of the UN Geospatial Network through a Strategic Design and corresponding Transformation Pathways

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- ° The landscape provides a directory of all 35 UN entities with respective activities, resources and main projects in the geospatial realms

The 4 networks are collaborating and also developing joint initiatives to maximize the returns in support of UNGGIM

Chair, delegate and colleagues, thanks you for your attention.

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