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Statement:

The Africa Region welcome and the present report and commends the work undertaken by the Working Group.

Given that most African nations are heavily impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak with in many instances disruption and stopping of geospatial activities, UN-GGIM: Africa would like to stress the need to develop collective action for a geospatial response to crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic by:

- exchanging and sharing lessons learnt,
- organising compilation and collection and use/re-use of data required for the creation of tools, applications
- conducting purpose-oriented spatial analysis that provide managers with ready to use products and "what if" scenarios for sound decision-making.

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