

# Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

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### Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa)	
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>1. UN-GGIM: Africa has strived to take cognizance of emerging issues the region hasn't yet addressed in its effort of putting in place a legal and regulatory framework for geospatial information utilization in Africa. This includes among others engaging the dialogue with our constituencies to dive deep into :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the topic of ethical/sovereignty imperatives.</li><li>• the taxonomies/assessments of harm for geospatial data production and use.</li><li>• the responsible use and recognition and handling of sensitive geospatial data.</li></ul>	
<p>2. The Africa region express its appreciation for the work done by the Working Group and welcome the report tabled for discussion during this session.</p>	
<p>3. The Region further support the proposal for the change of the name of the working group to WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management, in the attempt to align with the IGIF.</p>	
<p>4. UN-GGIM: Africa thereby calls upon partners and all interested parties for sharing of information, practices and resources that can be used for its future work in this field.</p>	
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