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<p>Statement provided by:</p> <p>Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa)</p>	
<p>Statement:</p> <p>1. UN-GGIM Africa convened its fifth plenary meeting in November 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda. The meeting was attended by over 80 participants, including delegates from 27 African countries, as well as observers from international organizations. The meeting called upon the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Union Commission (AUC) to work together to ensure that an overarching policy for geospatial information management in Africa is adopted by the Heads of State; and raise their awareness, sensitize them to be a champion of geospatial information management and technology in the continent. The meeting also supported the initiative from ECA to host and provide a convening mechanism for the Digital Earth Africa Programme, an operational and user-driven service that will provide regular information and data from satellites to support Member States' decision making and the development of national and continental geospatial infrastructures.</p> <p>2. UN-GGIM Africa's continued to raise Member States' awareness on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), as the next frontier for global, regional, and national geospatial information management efforts, a new paradigm that is complementary with Africa's NSDI initiative.</p> <p>3. The Africa region participated and contributed in the following UN-GGIM-related events & activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ninth Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM and its side events, held in New York on 5-9 August 2019.• Virtual High-Level Forum of UN-GGIM, held through series of three virtual events, scheduled at weekly intervals (26 May, 2 June and 9 June 2020).• Expanded UN-GGIM Bureau Meeting, a 2 hour virtual meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2020.• The meeting of the WG on Geospatial Information of the IAEG SDG held on 5th May 2020.• organization of a Virtual Seminar with National Mapping Agencies to discuss how African countries respond and prepare in the short and medium-term to track and mitigate the impact of the COVID-19. <p>4. UN-GGIM: Africa takes note of the report and background documents provided by the regional committees and the thematic groups. In view of enhancing cross-fertilization of ideas, UN-GGIM: Africa further calls upon the Secretariat to ensure that regional committees (and thematic groups) have effective collaboration between them in the development and implementation of their respective frameworks and activities that may be relevant to each other.</p>	
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