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### Global geodetic reference frame (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. The Africa Region takes note of the report and appreciate the good work being done by the Subcommittee on Geodesy.</p> <p>2. The Region fully endorses the establishment of a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence which has a great potential for training, skills development and transfer of know-how. The establishment of the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) is coming at the right time in addressing the global geodetic challenges, most especially in Africa where in some countries, the geodetic Infrastructure are aging and in some cases are obsolete.</p> <p>3. Africa supports the offer for the establishment and hosting of the first GGCE at the United Nations Campus in Bonn to materialize the Subcommittee's concept of a federated centre of excellence.</p> <p>4. To this end, Africa Region would like to recommend that:</p> <p>a. The Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence should have a Governing Board in which Member States and regional organisations (for instance, the Africa Geodetic Reference Frame - AFREF) should be adequately represented.</p> <p>b. Thee GGCE should provide technical assistance and capacity building and encourage open data sharing.</p> <p>c. The establishment of the GGCE should be able to downscaling toward the establishment of Regional Geodetic Centres in the regions which will serve as Secretariat and be Operational Data Centre.</p>	
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