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Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

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The UN-GGIM-AP welcomes and supports the Subcommittee on Geodesy's Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame. In the Asia Pacific region, an accurate and accessible global geodetic reference frame underpins the ability of our Member Countries to develop and maintain their own datums, which are the foundation for effective land administration, and the integration of geospatial information to solve economic, social and environmental challenges. In particular, we appreciate the effort the Subcommittee has made to provide practical suggestions as to how – together – we can sustain the global geodetic reference frame.

The UN-GGIM-AP also welcomes and supports the Subcommittee's Concept Paper on the establishment of the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence. The UN-GGIM-AP agrees that a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence will greatly assist in enhancing global cooperation and coordination; support education, training and capacity building; and improve awareness about the importance of strong geospatial foundations. The UN-GGIM-AP would welcome the opportunity to assist the Subcommittee on Geodesy in helping it achieve the objectives outlined in the Position Paper and Concept Paper.

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