

## **Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management**

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### **Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)**

#### *Statement provided by:*

Fiji

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Fiji acknowledges and commends the important work of the sub-committee on Geodesy, understanding that the Global Geodetic Reference Frame is fundamental to supporting the collection, integration and utilization of all other geospatial data that is used for informed planning and decision making to support various social, environmental and economic activities.

With that in mind, Fiji supports the draft Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame, with the aim to improve critical gaps by working on the five focus areas of

1. Governance
2. Geodetic Infrastructure
3. Policies, Standards and Conventions
4. Education, Training and Capacity Building
5. Communication and Outreach

Fiji also support the establishment of the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) as a means to address gaps in capacity and strengthen the capabilities of Pacific Small Island Developing States such as Fiji and commends the Federal Republic of Germany for taking the step to offer to host and establish the GGCE at the United Nations Campus in Bonn, Germany.

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