



UN-GGIM
UNITED NATIONS
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

“Global Chat”

Preparation for the Virtual Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM Modalities and Logistics

Thursday 5 August 2021

11:00 hrs. – 13:00 hrs. (UTC)/7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (EDT/New York)



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United Nations Secretariat
Global Geospatial Information Management

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Items to be addressed today

Moderator and Speaker: Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD

Other Speakers: Greg Scott, UN-GGIM Secretariat

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductory comments
2. Overview of the UN-GGIM Eleventh Session work items
3. Status and overview of the technical reports and background documents
4. Update on proposed working modalities, submission of statements, and timelines
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'Global Chat' – Housekeeping Rules

Some virtual meeting house rules

- Please always keep your microphone muted while not speaking
- Please keep your video turned off unless speaking
- Please do use the chat if you wish to make comments and/or ask questions
- Please silence your cellphone, especially when you are speaking
- We have allowed plenty of time for questions and discussion during our global chat

Welcome and introductory comments

Eleventh Session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

DATES: Monday 23, Tuesday 24 and Friday 27 August 2021

TIME: 9:00 -11:00am (EDT/New York Time)
There will be 3 informal virtual meetings, and each virtual meeting will be two hours

MODE: On the Interprefy virtual platform

Conference Secretariat: Sangeeta Sharma and Muhammad Soomro- DGACM

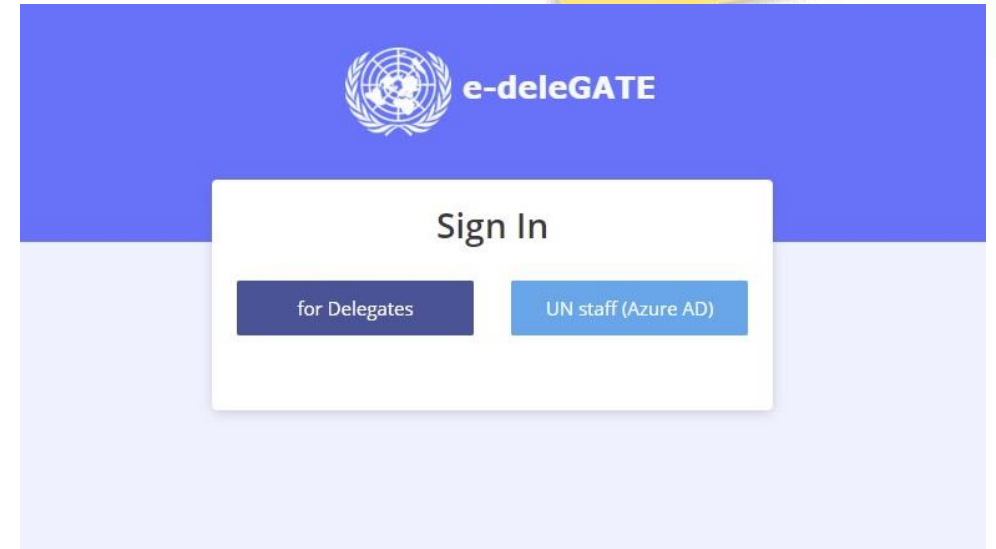


Registration

Registration procedure remains the same as for previous UN-GGIM sessions.

Member State representatives should contact their Ministries of Foreign Affairs and/or their Permanent Missions to New York. They will register your delegation via e-delegate.

Observers should submit their interest to participate and provide contact details to the UN-GGIM Secretariat before 6 August.



Failure to register may risk your ability to readily connect to the virtual platform for the Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM



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Item #2: Overview of the UN-GGIM Eleventh Session Work Items

2 – 5 August	9 – 13 August	16-20 August	23 August	24 August	27 August
Final uploading of technical reports and background documents	Approval under Silence: Bureau, Observers, Provisional Agenda, Organization of Work and Rules of Procedure		First Meeting Opening of the Eleventh Session	Second Meeting	Third meeting
Submission of Written Statements					
Global Chat	 Side Events		 Discussion and Decisions		
					Placed under silence: Decisions and procedural Report of the Eleventh Session, Agenda and dates of Twelfth Session

All session documents will be available electronically on the Secretariat’s website:

<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/11th-Session/overview/>



Important Dates to Note

Tuesday 3 August	Guidelines for submission of written statements provided and made available on the eleventh session web-page.
Tuesday 3 August	Member States, and relevant observers invited to participate in the eleventh session, can begin to submit their written statements against each agenda item.
Thursday 5 August	'UN-GGIM Global Chat' - an information session for all prospective delegates and observers.
Thursday 5 August	All reports for each of the agenda items available on the eleventh session web-page.
Tuesday 17 August	Submission of written statements encouraged by this date to assist the Secretariat in consolidation.
Monday 23 August	First virtual meeting of the eleventh session of UN-GGIM.
Tuesday 24 August	Second virtual meeting of the eleventh session of UN-GGIM.
Tuesday 24 August	Draft decisions of the eleventh session of UN-GGIM available on the session web-page.
Tuesday 24 August	Member States can begin to submit proposed refinements in writing against each draft <u>decision</u> item.
Thursday 26 August	Last day for submission of written corrections/edits related to the draft decisions.
Friday 27 August	Third virtual meeting of the eleventh session of UN-GGIM, considers the draft decisions (having received proposed refinements) and agrees on final language for the 'informal' adoption of the report. Silence procedure can then be initiated.



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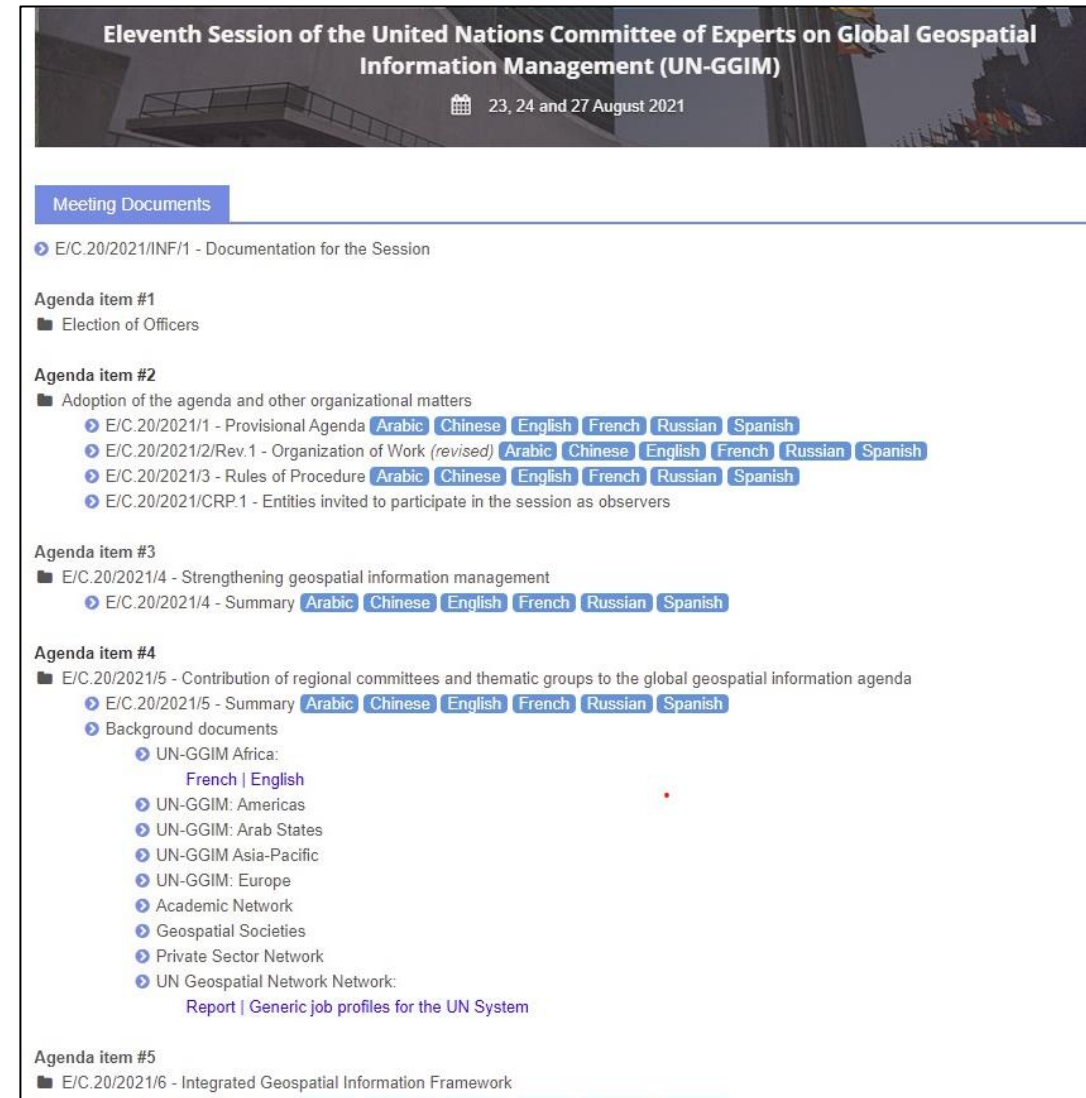
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Eleventh Session - Documentation

All summaries (in six UN languages), with most reports and background documents, are now available on the eleventh session web-page: (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/11th-Session/documents/>).

All Reports will be uploaded by Thursday **5 August**



Eleventh Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)
23, 24 and 27 August 2021

Meeting Documents

- E/C.20/2021/INF/1 - Documentation for the Session

Agenda item #1

- Election of Officers

Agenda item #2

- Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
 - E/C.20/2021/1 - Provisional Agenda [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#)
 - E/C.20/2021/2/Rev.1 - Organization of Work (revised) [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#)
 - E/C.20/2021/3 - Rules of Procedure [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#)
 - E/C.20/2021/CRP.1 - Entities invited to participate in the session as observers

Agenda item #3

- E/C.20/2021/4 - Strengthening geospatial information management
 - E/C.20/2021/4 - Summary [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#)

Agenda item #4

- E/C.20/2021/5 - Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda
 - E/C.20/2021/5 - Summary [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#)
 - Background documents
 - UN-GGIM Africa:
 - [French](#) | [English](#)
 - UN-GGIM: Americas
 - UN-GGIM: Arab States
 - UN-GGIM Asia-Pacific
 - UN-GGIM: Europe
 - Academic Network
 - Geospatial Societies
 - Private Sector Network
 - UN Geospatial Network Network:
 - [Report](#) | [Generic job profiles for the UN System](#)

Agenda item #5

- E/C.20/2021/6 - Integrated Geospatial Information Framework



Eleventh Session - Substantive work items

- 1) *Strengthening of geospatial information management*
- 2) *Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda*
- 3) *Integrated Geospatial Information Framework*
- 4) *Global geodetic reference frame*
- 5) *Geospatial information for sustainable development*
- 6) *Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information*
- 7) *Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management*
- 8) *Geospatial information and services for disasters*
- 9) *Marine geospatial information*
- 10) *Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data*
- 11) *Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community*
- 12) *Collaboration with the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names*





11th Session - Organization of work

The scheduled organization of work, with actual dates and times of meetings, listing of agenda Items that will be chronologically brought before the Committee of Experts for consideration.

The organization of work for **Monday 23 August 2021** is as follows:

Agenda #	Name	Action
<i>Item 3</i>	<i>Strengthening of geospatial information management</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
<i>Item 5</i>	<i>Integrated Geospatial Information Framework</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
<i>Item 6</i>	<i>Global geodetic reference frame</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
<i>Item 7</i>	<i>Geospatial information for sustainable development</i>	<i>for discussion</i>





11th Session- Organization of work

The organization of work for **Tuesday 24 August 2021** is as follows:

Agenda #	Name	Action
Item 8	<i>Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
Item 9	<i>Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
Item 10	<i>Geospatial information and services for disasters</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
Item 11	<i>Marine geospatial information</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
Item 12	<i>Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
Item 13	<i>Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
Item 14	<i>Collaboration with the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
Item 15	<i>Programme management report</i>	<i>for information</i>



11th Session- Organization of work

The organization of work for **Friday 27 August 2021** is as follows:

Agenda #	Name	Action
Item 4	<i>Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
Item 16	<i>Provisional agenda and dates for the twelfth session of the Committee of Experts</i>	<i>for discussion</i>
Item 17	<i>Report of the Committee of Experts on its eleventh session</i>	<i>for discussion</i>

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Eleventh Session - Written statements

Given the virtual mode of the session and reduced times available, delegations are encouraged to submit written statements corresponding to the papers per agenda items 3 to 14. These statements constitute the interventions delegations would normally make from the floor during the session.

Written Statements:

1. Provides delegations with the opportunity to contribute to the discussions on subjects considered per agenda item
2. Allows the Bureau, Rapporteurs and Secretariat to review and prepare summaries, facilitate discussions and find consensus language
3. Each separate statement must refer to a specific agenda item



Eleventh Session - Written statements

1. **A Proforma** (Word document) for preparing written statements is available for downloading under each agenda item.
2. Written statements will be uploaded to the session web-page in pdf format, in the language received, as soon as feasible after receipt (except weekends).
3. Introductions to substantive agenda items will be posted on the session web-page from 20 August.

Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

Tenth session

New York, 26- 27 August 2020 and 4 September 2020

Item 3 of the agenda

Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

Statement provided by:

Singapore

Statement:

Singapore expresses its appreciation for the significant progress of the Committee's various initiatives in strengthening geospatial information management and building capacity, including the UN global geospatial knowledge and innovation centre and Future Trends report. The increasing role of the UN-GGIM regional architecture as a bridging mechanism for communication and implementation is encouraging. Most recently, this was demonstrated by regional COVID-19 virtual seminars held to help Member States exchange knowledge and experience. The current crisis indeed shows that we as a Committee will only go far with the support of Regional Committees and Member States.

Singapore is doing our part to contribute to the array of initiatives in geospatial information management and capacity building. Annually, we hold the Singapore Geospatial Week to raise awareness on the importance of geospatial information and technology, to cultivate interest in the profession from young, and to foster a community of geospatial professionals and experts. The Regional Geospatial Youth Forum, in particular, brings together youths and young geospatial professionals from ASEAN to learn from one another and innovate ideas and solutions, as part of these efforts.

Submitted on:

8/25/2020

Session web-page details: <http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/11th-Session/documents/>

Eleventh Session- Submission of statements

Who can submit written statements:

- a) **Member States**, by Head of Delegation or Lead Member (as provided in formal notification to the Secretariat) or Permanent Missions to the UN in New York. To be emailed to ggim@un.org.

- a) **For observers**, by a designated Lead Person of the entity invited by the Committee of Experts. To be emailed to ggim@un.org.

When can written statements be submitted:

- a) From Tuesday 3 August and encouraged to be provided by Tuesday 17 August.
- b) Encourage written statements to be brief, provided in English if possible, focused on the main discussion items for the Committee of Experts.



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Eleventh Session - What happens during the session

Proposed Modality – see paper [General information \(un.org\)](#)

Body of documents available: summaries, reports, background documents and written statements

1. **Opening of the Session and procedural matters** – Agenda items 1 and 2
2. **Substantive matters** – Agenda items 3 to 14
 - i. Chair opens agenda item and invites introduction of papers for discussion
 - ii. Pre-identified representatives/authors introduce papers for discussion
 - iii. Interventions from delegations who informed the Secretariat in advance of the meeting of their intention to speak under that agenda item
 - iv. If time permits, additional interventions will be taken from the floor
 - v. Delivery of the summary of the discussion
3. **Review, finalization of decisions and adoption of report** on the Eleventh Session
 - i. The agreed Report will be placed under Silence Procedure immediately following the session



Eleventh Session - Meeting protocols

Agenda #5: Update on logistical arrangements and protocols for the eleventh session

- 1) One co-Chair will preside over each 2-hour session
- 2) Interpretation and timing of the sessions
- 3) The web platform will be Interprefy with simultaneous interpretation and webcasting on UN WebTV
- 4) Protocols for each agenda item – 2min oral introduction and statements, summary, etc.
- 5) Encourage written statements to be provided to the Secretariat by 17 August. Additional views may be expressed on the chat during the meetings of the session

Detailed information is contained within the “Detailed Modalities” Resource:

http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/11th-Session/documents/Proposed_modalities_paper.pdf



Eleventh Session - Meeting protocols

Introduction of papers for discussion –

- Speakers asked to limit oral introduction to 2 minutes

Interventions from delegations and observers

- Speakers who indicated an intention to take the floor and, if time permits, others from the floor
- The Chair acknowledges and gives the speaker the floor
- Speakers are encouraged to limit interventions/statements to 2 minutes

All participants

- Use of chat function is encouraged for posting comments relevant to the agenda item. Please post the agenda item and document number per comment





On-boarding on **Interprefy**



- Remote simultaneous interpretation in all six official UN languages
- On-boarding to familiarize delegates will be available the week before the session, details to be announced.
- Access links to be provided to registered delegates for on-boarding/training and for the eleventh session



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'Global Chat'- Open discussion

Participants are invited to unmute their microphones and to ask questions on preparations for the Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM



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Should you have additional questions

For procedural questions on the modalities of the Eleventh Session

Contact Ms. Sangeeta Sharma: sharma7@un.org and Mr. Muhammad Soomro at soomroi@un.org

For substantive questions – documentation/reports, website etc.

Contact Mr. Chee Hai Teo at teo@un.org and Ms. Vilma Frani at frani@un.org



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