CONCEPT NOTE

A. Background

1. The Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters (WG-Disasters) of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) developed the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters which was adopted by the Committee of Experts in August 2017, and by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on 2nd July 2018. The Framework aims to guide Member States and other stakeholders in making available and accessible all quality geospatial information and services before, during and after disaster events.

2. An Assessment Survey entitled “UN-GGIM Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters Assessment Survey” was prepared and endorsed at the ninth session of the Committee of Experts as a tool to assist Member States in establishing their capacity to implement the Strategic Framework, and also with the objective of providing further guidance to identify capacity gaps within priority areas for action, as defined by the Strategic Framework. The survey consists of the five chapters focusing on the five priority areas detailed in the Strategic Framework, namely a) Governance and policies, b) Awareness raising and capacity building, c) Data management, d) Common infrastructure and services, and e) Resource mobilization. The survey was prepared as an online form and circulated to UN-GGIM Member States, and observers in June 2020, with a completion deadline of 2nd October 2020.


B. Aim and Objectives

3. The aim of this side event is to engage the UN-GGIM community and to seek their feedback on the results of the globally administered Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters Assessment Survey, as presented in the background paper submitted to the eleventh session entitled “Assessment 2020 Results - Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information & Services for Disasters”.

4. The objectives of the side event include:

- To share and highlight the major findings from the assessment displayed on a global and regional levels, supported by a few case studies;
- To highlight the challenges experienced in preparing the report and the gaps identified from the assessment results; and
- To make recommendations on the way forward.

C. Event Format

This side event will be hosted via the Microsoft Teams platform for a duration of one hour and 45 minutes (6:00 - 7:45) (EDT/UTC-4). It will comprise an opening session, followed by presentations, a panel discussion, open discussion and closing session. The event will be conducted in English.

D. Agenda

The agenda for the side event is as follows:

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| 6:00 am          | Welcome & Introduction                                                | Moderator: Ms. Michelle Edwards  
Jamaica Co-Chair and  
Senior Director  
Mitigation, Planning & Research  
Office of Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management (ODPEM) Jamaica |
| 6:05 am          | Opening Remarks                                                       | Ms. Michelle Edwards  
Jamaica Co-Chair |
| 6:10 am          | Presentation: “Overview of the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information & Services on Disasters” | Ms. Febrina E. Damaso  
Director, Geospatial Information System  
Management Branch (GISMB)  
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)  
Philippines |

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| 6:20 am          | **Presentation:**  
|                  | “Assessment 2020 Results - Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information & Services for Disasters” | Ms. Simone M. Lloyd, GISP  
|                  |                                                                  | Task Groups A & C Lead  
|                  |                                                                  | UN-GGIM WG Disasters and  
|                  |                                                                  | Senior GIS Manager/Trainer  
|                  |                                                                  | National Spatial Data Management Branch  
|                  |                                                                  | Ministry of Housing, Urban Renewal, Environment & Climate Change (MHURECC), Jamaica |
| 6:40 am          | **Presentation:**  
|                  | “MapAction’s Support for Covid-19 Vaccine Delivery in South Sudan: Integrated Humanitarian Data Package” | Mr. Nick McWilliam  
|                  |                                                                  | GIS Volunteer  
|                  |                                                                  | MapAction |
| 6:50 am          | **Good Practice Panel Discussion**                                   | Moderator:  
|                  |                                                                  | Dr. Nouri Sabo  
|                  |                                                                  | Co-Chair UN-GGIM: Americas WG Disasters  
|                  |                                                                  | Deputy Director, Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation, NRCan |
|                  | **Agenda:**  
|                  |                                                                  | - Introduction of the Panellists  
|                  |                                                                  | - Opening Statements: Panellists  
|                  |                                                                  | - Panel Discussion focused on the 5 Priority Areas:  
|                  |                                                                  |   i) Governance and Policy  
|                  |                                                                  |   ii) Awareness Raising and Capacity Building  
|                  |                                                                  |   iii) Data Management  
|                  |                                                                  |   iv) Common Infrastructure  
|                  |                                                                  |   v) Resource Mobilization |
|                  |                                                                  | Panelists:  
|                  |                                                                  | Mr. Hidenori Fujimura  
|                  |                                                                  | Director, Planning Division, Geospatial Information Department, Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) |
|                  |                                                                  | Mr. Alan Mills  
|                  |                                                                  | Preparedness Coordinator  
|                  |                                                                  | MapAction |
|                  |                                                                  | Ms. Quanhong Zheng  
|                  |                                                                  | Head of Emergency Engineering Center  
|                  |                                                                  | Sichuan Geomatics Center, Ministry of Natural Resources, China |
|                  |                                                                  | Ms. María Ximena  
|                  |                                                                  | Specialized Professional  
|                  |                                                                  | National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE), Columbia |
|                  |                                                                  | Sodonmargachaa Dagva  
|                  |                                                                  | Head of Spatial Information and Technology Division  
|                  |                                                                  | National Emergency Management Agency  
|                  |                                                                  | Mongolia |
| 7:25 am          | **Open Discussion**  
|                  | Gaps and Next Steps on the Way forward                              | Ms. Michelle Edwards & Dr. Nouri Sabo |

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| 7:35 am          | Closing Remarks     | Mr. Oki Shoichi
Japan Co-Chair and
Director General
Planning Department
Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) |
| 7:40 am          | Vote of Thanks      | Ms. Michelle Edwards
Jamaica Co-Chair                                                             |
| 7:45 am          | End of Session      |                                                                                  |

E. Side Event Registration and Access

The side event will be facilitated using the Microsoft Teams platform.

All participants are encouraged to register for the side event by August 18, 2021, using the following registration link: https://arcg.is/abDvP0.

Upon completion, registrants will be provided with the meeting link to facilitate access to the event on August 19, 2021.

F. Organizers

UN-GGIM Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters (WG- Disasters)

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