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Dear Colleagues,

Fourteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management New York, 7 – 9 August 2024

I am pleased to inform you that the Fourteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 7 – 9 August 2024.

In fulfilling its mandate, the Committee of Experts continues to provide the leadership to ensure that geospatial information and resources are coordinated, sustained, accessible, and able to be leveraged by Member States and society to find sustainable solutions for social, economic, and environmental development. The annual session is the forum for coordination and dialogue among and between Member States and relevant international organizations, to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States. The Fourteenth Session will address efforts to enhance the institutional arrangements of the Committee of Experts as a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council in charge of all matters related to geospatial information, geography, land administration and related topics. At the Fourteenth Session, the Committee of Experts will follow up and deliberate on work items from the Thirteenth Session and consider accelerating the achievement of its operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework. It will also address a number of evolving and critical issues including the future geospatial information ecosystem, geospatial information for sustainable development, climate and resilience, policy and legal frameworks and the issue of authoritative data, and the integration of geospatial and statistical information.

The Provisional Agenda (E/C.20/2024/1) and the Documentation for the Session (E/C.20/2024/2) are available on the website of the Fourteenth Session of the Committee at <https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/14th-Session>. Other documents and supporting information on the Fourteenth Session will be posted as they become available. The substantive reports to be discussed during the Fourteenth session will also be uploaded to the session's website no later than 16 July 2024.

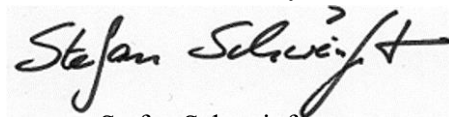
To assist with your planning and preparation for the Fourteenth Session, we kindly ask that you note that several important side events and meetings related to the substantive work of the Committee of Experts will be convened on 5 and 6 August 2024. A draft overview of the side events and meetings for the week will be made available and updated regularly on the website of the Fourteenth Session.

I am kindly requesting colleagues from the United Nations system planning to attend the Fourteenth Session and to be invited to participate in the session as observers, please submit your expression of interest to participate using the online form at: <https://forms.gle/fSP7gCtixkwX9Y6d9> before **Friday 12 July 2024**. Please note that your participation will be at your organization's expense. Arrangements for hotels need to be made by the observers at hotels of your own choice. Practical information and updates will be made available to confirmed participants in due course.

Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding the Fourteenth Session, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat for the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (Mr. Chee Hai Teo, Email: teo@un.org and Ms. Vilma Frani, Email: frani@un.org).

I look forward to seeing you in New York and welcoming you to the Fourteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

Yours sincerely,



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