The Academic Network is a coalition of recognized universities, research and education centers or equivalent involved in the research, development and training on geospatial and land information and related matters.

The Academic Network is a platform for the academic community to contribute and support UN-GGIM in achieving its vision and as a strategic arm to empower their process in the form of strategic knowledge, research, education and training.

The Academic Network will provide both research and education capabilities for UN-GGIM, its Regional Organisations, WGs and affiliated members to identify and respond to challenges and opportunities in which UN-GGIM can achieve their visions.
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Major Activities and Steps

Dec 2015 NY Initial Idea & request

April 2016 Addis Ababa 1st Exploratory Meeting

June 2016 Formation of Task Team

August 2016 NY 1st Official meeting

Oct 2016 ToR Workplan Organisation

Oct 2016 2nd Meeting Governance & Formation of Board

Nov 2016 3rd Board Meeting, Taipei Web Design

Dec 2016 NY UN-GGIM Bureau Meeting ToR was approved

Feb 2017 Doha UN-GGIM Arab States Meeting Qatar

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Aug 2017 NY UN-GGIM Expert Com. Meeting Int. Forum

Nov 2017 Mexico HLF UN-GGIM & Academic Network Meeting
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Workplan 2017-2018

To achieve the Academic Network’s objectives, the workplan is focused on:

• **Conducting a Forum** in conjunction with the Seventh UN-GGIM Committee of Expert Meeting, August 2017, NY.

• In close **collaboration with other UN-GGIM entities**, **Identify relevant items and opportunities for closer collaboration** and contribution within the context of UN-GGIM work and Agenda

• Call and promote for membership and engagement via dedicated website.

• The current UN-GGIM WGs' workplans to identify the areas for support and input, and actively participating in their activities

• Explore the **development of an infrastructure** to facilitate **SDG indicator** and **research registry**

• **Training and research programs**, inventory of current capabilities, MOOCs, facilities, current projects, etc. relevant to UN-GGIM activities
Seventh Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM Forum

Secure Land Rights and Smart Cities - Making It Work for Sustainable Development

In collaboration with:

- UN-GGIM Academic Network
- UN-GGIM Geospatial Societies
- UN-GGIM Private Sector Network

Monday, 31 July 2017
Forum: Secure Land Rights and Smart Cities - Making it Work for Sustainable Development

Objectives

Present the current status of land tenure and land rights and discuss, research and practice in smart cities;

Establish a dialogue and exchange ideas around land rights and explore the relationships between that and smart cities to address the challenges and opportunities;

To identify relevant challenges and opportunities for the development of effective strategies to secure land rights and smart cities and build and strengthen capability concerning geospatial information and, use, particularly in developing countries;

To develop a roadmap that promotes the development of policies, methods, standards and mechanisms to overcome the challenges and create a better linkage for smart cities for all;

Develop a future work plan and research agenda to assist UN-GGIM and member states to respond to the SDGs.
Major Outcomes and Take-away Message

Infrastructure for Indicators Registration

Data is the Glue

Interoperable Open Data

Solutions for Solutions

Spatial Knowledge Infrastructure

Local to Global Value Proposition

Balancing Governance Approaches

Integrative Data Ecosystem

Data Quality and Availability

Interdisciplinary Task Force

Metadata

Partnerships, Leadership and Finance

Data Continuity

Inclusivity

Fit for Purpose

Interdisciplinary Task Force

Reliable Statistics

Privacy Policy

Geo-Maturity

Measuring and Monitoring SDG Indicators
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