Report of the Regional Committee of UN-GGIM for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) (AP Committee)

At the Seventh Session of UN-GGIM
UN Headquarters, New York, 31 July – 4 August 2017
Activities of AP Committee

• The Fifth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP with the UN-GGIM International Forum on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information in October 2017
  • Two workshops
• Other meetings
  • Kunming Forum on UN-GGIM on Cities of the Future: Smart, Resilient and Sustainable in Kunming, China in May 2017
  • Technical Workshop on Reference Frames in Practice in Kobe, Japan in July 2017
UN-GGIM International Forum on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information

18-19 October 2017, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- Held in conjunction with the Fifth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP
- Officiated by the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia
- Attracted 495 registered participants from over 30 countries
- Outcome: Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information
Resolution of the 5th Plenary Meeting of AP Committee (Summary)

- Adopted the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information;
- Recommended that UN-GGIM-AP request the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management at its Seventh Session to:
  a) Consider establishing a working group;
  b) Develop a strategy and plan of action suitable strategies and their implementation, inclusive of a guide to the licensing and dissemination of geospatial information;
  c) Contribute to developing capacity;
  d) Adopt this Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information.

UN-GGIM Bureau has already reacted on the resolution, and a new agenda item has been included in the 7th Session.
The Fifth Plenary Meeting of AP Committee

16-20 October 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- Attended by about 100 national delegates and observers from 30 countries and 5 international organizations.
- Reviewed work progress and discussed priorities of the Committee and its 4 WGs.
- Discussed and adopted the amendments to the Statutes of UN-GGIM-AP, and adopted 5 resolutions including the Kuala Lumpur Declaration.
## Working Group Activities

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| **WG1 on Geodetic Reference Frame** | - Asia-Pacific Reference Frame (APREF) project  
- Asia and the Pacific Regional Geodetic Project (APRGP)  
- Asia-Pacific Geodetic Capacity Building (APGCB) project |
| **WG2 on Disaster Risk Management** | - First questionnaire survey  
- First Best Practices collection  
- Examining the scheme and outline of the guideline for elaboration based on the Best Practice survey results. |
| **WG3 on Regional SDI** | - Questionnaire survey on NSDI development status  
- Pilot portal for Regional SDI Service Interoperation  
- Contribute to UN-GGIM WG on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data |
| **WG4 on Cadastre and Land Management** | - First and second surveys  
- Korea’s land information system construction case study  
- Land management capacity building in the region |
How UN-GGIM-AP operated BEFORE

UNRCC-AP + UN-GGIM-AP

New Bureau and Board Members and new WGs

3 Years

UNRCC-AP + UN-GGIM-AP

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Annual Plenary Meetings
How UN-GGIM-AP operates NOW

UN-GGIM-AP + UNRCC-AP 2015
New Bureau and Board Members and new WGs

UN-GGIM-AP 2016
Normal Plenary

UN-GGIM-AP 2017
Normal Plenary

UN-GGIM-AP 2018
Triennial Plenary
New Bureau and Board Members and new WGs

UN-GGIM-AP 2019
Normal Plenary
Workshops during the 5th Plenary in Kuala Lumpur

- UN-GGIM-AP WG 1 Workshop on Geospatial and CORS Infrastructure

- UN-GGIM-AP WG 4 Workshop on Fit-For-Purpose and STDM
Kunming Forum on UN-GGIM
“Cities of the Future: Smart, Resilient and Sustainable”
10-12 May 2017 in Kunming, China

- Jointly hosted and organized by China through NASG, and UNSD (UN-GGIM Secretariat)
- Attracted more than 160 experts from 30 countries
- Called for concerted and collaborative efforts to bring together and integrate data and information from multiple sources and with differing scales and temporality, leveraging geospatial information management as a technological and critical enabler for all countries.
Technical Workshop on Reference Frames in Practice

29-30 July 2017 in Kobe, Japan

- Jointly organized by IAG, FIG, UN-GGIM-AP, ICG, GSI and JFS
- Attended by 68 participants from 19 countries.
Regional Priority Issues

1. Capacity Development

- Nearly 70% of the countries in the region are developing countries and small island states, and need capacity development.

- UN-GGIM-AP seeks every opportunity to provide quality seminars and training programs to the member countries, and will continue to organize workshops and seminars in cooperation with other regional and international organizations.
Regional Priority Issues

2. Permanent Secretariat

- It may not be sustainable that member countries voluntarily provide the secretariat service for the AP Committee.
- UN Regional Commissions may be in a position to assist the respective regional committees in a part of the secretariat services.

ECOSOC Resolution (2016):

“Requests that the regional commissions provide relevant support, upon request and as appropriate, to the work of the regional bodies of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management and that the outcomes and benefits of the activities of those bodies be equally disseminated to all Member States in each region; “
Next Meetings

- International Seminar on Construction and Application of Spatial Data Infrastructure (Beijing/Wuhan, China, 15-22 September 2017).
- The Sixth Plenary Meeting of UN- GGIM-AP (Kumamoto, Japan, 17-19 October 2017).
  - Technical Workshop on Geodetic Data Sharing (Kumamoto, Japan, 16 October 2017).
- Technical Training Workshop on the Licensing of Geospatial Information (Guilin, China, November 2017)
Side Event: AP Committee Meeting

Venue: Conference Room 8 (CR-8)

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd August

Agenda:

- The Sixth Plenary Meeting of AP Committee
- Technical Training Workshop on the Licensing of Geospatial Information in November 2017 in China
- Other matters

Member Countries of AP Committee are encouraged to participate in the meeting and contribute to the discussions. Observers will be also welcome.
Thank you!