



## Seventh Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM

### Side Event

# Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB)

Tuesday, 1 August 2017

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Venue: Conference Room 12 (CR-12)

United Nations Headquarters, New York

#### BACKGROUND

The Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB) initiative aims at compiling national administrative boundaries data from authoritative source such as National Geospatial Information authorities or National Mapping agencies and to make available to the public authoritative worldwide SALB datasets. The SALB initiative is managed by the Geospatial Information Section of the Department of the Field Support (DFS).

Administrative boundaries have been highlighted as a priority “core global fundamental geospatial data theme” by the UN-GGIM Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes, thus highlighting the importance of the SALB initiative. UN-GGIM in its deliberations encouraged Member States to actively participate in the initiative<sup>1</sup>. Currently, SALB accounts for over 80 participating Member States that have already provided the contact details of their national point of contact, submitted initial GIS-ready SALB datasets or finalised with the Secretariat a publicly available SALB dataset.

SALB datasets is a public good, available to Members States, UN operations including peace operations and humanitarian operations, international organizations, general public, data scientists or academia. As an authoritative geospatial dataset on administrative boundaries, SALB datasets contribute to the overall reliability of geospatial information.

SALB can support the common geographies and assist geocoding to support the integration of statistical data and geospatial information. SALB allows for data to be disaggregated to the sub-national level, the administrative boundary level. Hence, SALB contributes to overall efforts in measuring and monitoring development including the systematic follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

<sup>1</sup> Global Geospatial Information Management proceedings, Fourth session (2014), Agenda 4 on Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes, available online: <http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/4.Fundamental%20Data%20Themes%20Agenda%20Item.pdf>

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## OBJECTIVES

This side event aims at informing and updating participants on the progress and status of the SALB initiative including the latest updates on a web-based platform being developed by the Geospatial Information Section that is part of the SALB initiative. Participants can expect to be briefed on some regional and national perspectives related to SALB. Participants may wish to discuss “next steps” for the SALB initiative.

## PROPOSED AGENDA

- Moderator: Mr. Kyoung-Soo Eom,  
Chief, Geospatial Information Section, DFS, United Nations  
Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd,  
SALB Project Manager, Geospatial Information Section, DFS, United Nations
- 1) Opening Statement (5 min)  
*Mr. Anthony O’Mullane, Director, ICTD/DFS, United Nations (TBC)*
  - 2) Presentations:
    - #1 The Second Administrative Level Boundaries today (10 min)  
Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd, SALB Project Manager
    - #2 SALB: The European Experience on Administrative Boundaries – contribution and perspectives from EuroGeographics (10 min)  
Mr. Mick Cory, Secretary General & Executive Director EuroGeographics
    - #3 The current status of Administrative Boundaries of SALB in Africa (10 min)  
Mr. André Nonguierma, GiSS, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
    - #4 Perspectives on administrative boundaries and SALB from Cameroon (10 min)  
Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Institut National de Cartographie, Cameroon
  - 3) Open Discussion; (40 min)  
Moderated and interactive discussion with participants and presenters
  - 4) Closing Remarks: (5 min)  
Moderator

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