



Eighth Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM
Side Event on
the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information

Tuesday 31 July 2018

09:00 am -12:00 pm

Venue: Conference Room 11 (CR-11)
United Nations Headquarters, New York

A. Background

The Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (EG-ISGI) was established in 2013, comprising members representing Member States from both the statistical and geospatial communities. The Expert Group has reported back to both the United Nations Statistical Commission and the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) at each of their annual sessions since its establishment.

One of the functions of the EG-ISGI is to refine and promote the development and adoption of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF), particularly in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to work with regional statistical and geospatial bodies to develop and strengthen partnerships in the integration of statistical and geospatial information and implementation of the GSGF. The EG-ISGI's mandate was also strengthened at the 48th Statistical Commission and endorsed at the Seventh Session of UN-GGIM to become the overall coordination group for all activities in the area of the integration of statistical and geospatial information.

In addition to exploring the main body of work of the EG-ISGI, two country level examples of the Federated Information Systems for the SDGs initiative will be presented. This was launched at the 49th Session of the UN Statistical Commission, whereby the Statistics Division launched an Open SDG Data Hub to promote the exploration, analysis, and use of authoritative SDG data sources for evidence-based decision-making and reviews. The Open SDG Data Hubs provide a framework for the collection, curation and reporting of SDG data in a federated system.

B. Objectives and expected outcomes

This side event aims to engage observers and experts attending the Eighth Session of UN-GGIM by providing an update on global, regional and national strategies to enable the integration of statistical and geospatial information.

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The side event will discuss:

- The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF);
- Statistical and Geospatial Interoperability;
- The Sustainable Development Goals;
- An Update from Regional Initiatives from Africa, the Americas, and Europe; and,
- Country examples of the UN Data Hubs.

C. Agenda 09:00am – 12:00pm

9.00 - 10.00

(60 mins)

Session 1 - Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)

Chair: Ian Coady, Office of National Statistics, **United Kingdom**

10.00 – 12.00

(120 mins)

Session 2 – Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information open meeting

Chair: Martin Brady, Australian Bureau of Statistics, **Australia** and UN EG-ISGI Co-Chair

Purpose: Update the geospatial community on global, regional and national strategies to enable the integration of statistical and geospatial information

- **Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF)** (10 minute presentation)
 - Martin Brady, Australian Bureau of Statistics, **Australia** and UN EG-ISGI Co-Chair
Update on the GSGF and Principle task team progress
- **Statistical and Geospatial Interoperability** (10 minute presentation)
 - UNECE/ UN-GGIM: Europe
Update on outcomes from the Stockholm workshop on statistical geospatial interoperability
- **Statistical and geospatial data and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** (10 minute presentation)
 - Paloma Merodio, INEGI, **Mexico** and UN EG-ISGI Co-Chair
Showcase related SDGs initiatives from the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDG) Working Group on Geospatial Information
- **Regional Initiatives in Statistical Geospatial Integration Frameworks** (10 minutes each)
 - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean- Alvaro Monett, **ECLAC**
 - EFGS: European Union GEOSTAT projects - Ekkehard Petrie, **Eurostat**
 - UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) - Andre Nonguierma, **UNECA**
- **The SDG Data Hubs** – National and International Initiatives (10 minutes each)
 - United Nations – Francesca Perucci, **UNSD**
 - Ireland - Lorraine McNerney, Ordnance Survey Ireland, **Ireland**
 - Mexico – Francisco Jimenez, INEGI, **Mexico**

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