



Eighth Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM

The Spatial Lens - The Key to Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: Linking Data – Policy - People

Tuesday 31 July 2018
Time: 1000 - 1300
Venue: Conference Room - E
United Nations Headquarters, New York

A. Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes the importance of adequate data for implementation, monitoring and the review of the progress made towards the achievement of the Goals and Targets. The basic objective of the 2030 Agenda – **that no one is to be left behind** – will require quality, accessible, timely, and reliable disaggregated data at all levels. However, the accessibility and availability of quality data has always been a concern. There is a strong need to strengthen data production, new data acquisition, and integration approaches to enable and promote the availability of high quality, timely, reliable and disaggregated data. Ultimately, an enabling policy environment that links data to policy and people can be achieved through fostering geospatial and statistical data integration, and facilitating geographic data in policymaking decisions; including the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among many other elements.

As technology touches every aspect of our lives, geospatial information and enabling technologies can assist in achieving the SDGs and support development for all. Furthermore, the need for geospatial “open” data has been recognized by the statistical community, policymakers, and geospatial professionals.

There is a need for a framework to effectively and efficiently harness the data revolution and integration of data for development. Synergies between data providers and data collaboratives can and would be achieved by establishing such a framework. This will not only help in enabling data accessibility, but will also fill the data gaps, generate new datasets, and create dynamic visualizations; thus enabling timely and targeted decision making to drive the SDGs.

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B. Objectives and expected outcomes

Collaborations and partnerships are a necessity, as it provides community stakeholders the opportunity to leverage unique individual resources, innovative solutions, and shared expertise and experiences. The implementation of the SDGs will require decision makers to be supported with information and knowledge, not just data. As such, there is a need to focus on the transition from data to information to knowledge. Various frameworks exist which can either facilitate data access and/or provide decision makers in nations with advice in creating an enabling environment for the implementation and adoption of geospatial information and infrastructures at National and International levels.

Accordingly, the UN-GGIM Private Sector Network will bring together presenters and panelists from the global geospatial community to explore and discuss the **“The Spatial Lens - The Key to Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: Linking Data – Policy - People”**, as a side event to the eighth session of UN-GGIM, comprising of two panels:

- Data Integration and Policy Framework for Bridging the Gap
- Land Administration – Best Practices, Innovations and Co-operations

These panels will engage participants and observers, as well as experts attending the eighth session of UN-GGIM to begin consideration of key universal elements essential for achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

C. Agenda

Introductory Remarks by the Chairperson, Private Sector Network

1005 – 1130 **Data Integration and Policy Framework for Bridging the Gap**

Moderator: Steven Hagan, Vice President of Development for Server Technologies, Oracle Corporation, USA and Vice Chair, Private Sector Network, Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information

Panelists (10 mins each):

- Amy Minnick - Senior Vice President and General Manager, DigitalGlobe
- Jim Van Rens, Vice President, Riegl
- Mick Cory, CEO, Eurogeographics
- Robert Mankowski, Vice President, Product Development, Bentley Systems
- Arnout Desmet, Vice President Maps - Global Sourcing, TomTom
- Valrie Grant, Founder and Managing Director, GeoTechVision

Followed by a moderated interactive discussion with participants (40 minutes)

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Land Administration – Best Practices, Innovations and Co-operations

Moderator: Prof Dr Dieter Fritsch, HxGN UN GGIM PSN Representative, Vice Chair
UN-GGIM PSN Land Administration and Management

Panelists (10 mins each):

- Dean P. Angelides, Corporate Director, International/Alliances/Partners, Esri
- Willy Govender, Founder, Data World, South Africa
- Peter Ritchie, Senior Consultant, GIS Transport
- Adina Gillespie, Institutional Strategist, earthi
- Kees de Zeew, Director, Kadaster International

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