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Dear Colleagues,

**Ninth Session of the UN Committee of Experts on  
Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)  
New York, 7-9 August 2019**

I am writing to inform you that the Ninth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 7-9 August 2019.

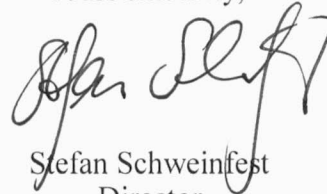
As you may recall, the eighth session of the Committee of Experts, held in New York from 1-3 August 2018, addressed several emerging and critical issues related to geospatial information management globally. Numerous substantive activities have since been undertaken and, as follow-up, they will be reported back and deliberated upon at this ninth session. These include progress on: the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework; the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework; strengthening geospatial information management; the governance of the global geodetic reference frame; advances on legal and policy frameworks for geospatial information management; new activities on marine geospatial information; how geospatial information support and informs the sustainable development goals; implementation of the global fundamental geospatial data themes; a framework for effective land administration and management; progressing national institutional arrangements in geospatial information management; and geospatial information and services for disasters. The full provisional agenda, as well as other information on the ninth session will be gradually posted on the Committee's website at <http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/>. The substantive reports to be discussed during the Committee session will also be loaded as soon as they become available, no later than 17 July 2019.

In order to assist your planning for the ninth session of UN-GGIM, we would also like to inform you that several important side events related to the substantive issues that the Committee is engaged in, including meetings of the UN-GGIM Subcommittee, Expert Groups, Working Groups and Networks, will be convened on the margins of the ninth session, particularly from 5-6 August 2019. A draft overview of the side events and meetings for the week will be available and updated regularly on the Committee's website in due course.

If you are planning to attend the ninth session of UN-GGIM as an observer, we would appreciate it if you could inform the UN-GGIM Secretariat (Mr. CheeHai Teo, Tel: 1-212-963-4904; Fax: 1-212-963-9851; Email: teo@un.org and Ms. Vilma Frani, Tel: 1-917-367-2903; Fax: 1-212-963-9851; Email: frani@un.org). Practical information and updates will be made available to confirmed participants in due course.

I look forward to seeing you in New York and welcoming you and your representatives to this ninth session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

Yours sincerely,



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