CONCEPT NOTE

A. Background

During the eighth session of the Committee of Experts, the National Institutional Arrangements Working Group (NIA-WG) presented its revised and refocused workplan for 2018-2019. The Committee of Experts noted that a major task was to prepare a “Foundational Guide to NIA Instruments for Geospatial Information Management” based on the overarching “Framework for National Institutional Arrangements” that was endorsed at its seventh session. The Foundational Guide would facilitate the use of NIA principles and instruments for users not familiar with geospatial information management concepts. The Foundational Guide has been developed based on the Asia-Pacific region and is being presented to the ninth session of UN-GGIM for review and further guidance.

B. Objectives and Expected Outcomes

The NIA-WG meeting aims to inform and engage participants on the work of the NIA-WG, and provide an overview of the “Foundational Guide to NIA Instruments for Geospatial Information Management (Asia-Pacific)”. Importantly the NIA-WG invites participants to offer comments and views on the NIA-WG’s:

a) “Foundational Guide to NIA Instruments for Geospatial Information Management” for the Asia-Pacific region;
b) Continued alignment and integration between the Foundational Guide and Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF);
c) Next steps forward on developing the Foundational Guide for other geographic regions.

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C. Agenda

a) Introductory remarks and welcome, Mr Siau Yong NG, Chair of the NIA- WG

b) Background on the NIA-WG’s work, including the overarching framework for implementing national institutional arrangements and its instruments; the approach taken to develop the Foundational Guide; and the alignment and integration between the Foundational Guide and IGIF.

c) Introduction to the “Foundational Guide to NIA Instruments for Geospatial Information Management (Asia-Pacific)”
   i. Highlights and key sections from the Foundational Guide
   ii. Comments and views on the Foundational Guide for Asia-Pacific

d) Examples of the alignment and integration between the Foundational Guide and IGIF
   i. Comments and views on the continued alignment and integration between the Foundational Guide and IGIF

e) General discussion
   i. Guidance on the way forward in developing the Foundational Guide for other geographic regions.

f) Summary and Closing Remarks

D. Organizers

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