



Ninth Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM

Side Event Summary

Name of Side Event: United Nations System Network	Participants @ Start 25	Participants @ End 30
Questions and Discussion: Summary Participants welcomed the creation of the network and the opportunity to work closer together and benefit from each other's work on tools, infrastructure, data and other aspects of geospatial information management Synergies and complementary activities were identified during the presentation between United Nations entities Participants emphasized the importance of partnerships with the wider geospatial community including governments, private sector, academia and societies Participants discussed the interpretation and implications of various responsibilities of United Nations entities as defined by Member States in conventions, frameworks and mandates in terms of geospatial information science and methods	Presenters (Name / Affiliation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alexandre Caldas Director, United Nations Environment • Mr. Douglas Muchoney Food and Agriculture Organization • Mr. Álvaro Monett Hernández Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean • Mr. Andrea Manara International Telecommunication Union • Mr. Bertrand Frot United Nations Development Programme • Mr. Toby Wicks United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) • Mr. Kyoung-Soo Eom Geospatial Information Section (OICT) 	
Key Messages <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Importance of identifying the synergies to benefit from each other's work and step up on coordination 2. Need to bring the variety and breath of work of the United Nations to a common goal and delivery model 3. Geospatial components in the United Nations need to improve the communication around their activities on geospatial information 4. Partnerships are key to address challenges and deliver together on the added value of geospatial information for the Sustainable Development Goals 5. Importance of translating the various mandates and conventions requested by Member States to the United Nations in geospatial information terms to support national entities and organization implementation 		

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