Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial agenda

Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management its report on the contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial agenda, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the operation and achievements of the regional committees and thematic groups.

Summary of the report

The report provides information on the contribution and achievements of the following six regional committees and thematic groups: the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Europe; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Arab States; and the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies.

The reports of the regional committees and thematic groups contain information on their activities and achievements since the fourth session of the Committee of Experts, held in New York from 6 to 8 August 2014. The reports also provide an overview of the work of the regional committees and thematic groups in the following areas: (a) contributions to United Nations activities on global
geospatial information management; (b) legal and policy issues; (c) administrative arrangements; (d) capacity development; (e) publicity and outreach; (f) partnerships; (g) regional and international collaboration; (h) technical issues; (i) priority issues and challenges; and (j) future plans. In its report, the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa invites the Committee of Experts to endorse its formal establishment.