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Dear colleagues,

**Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC),  
10 – 14 October 2022, Hyderabad, India**

**ANNOUNCEMENT: Call for Presentation Proposals**

At its eleventh session, held in August 2021, the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) adopted decision [11/101](#), in which it welcomed the convening of the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC), with the overarching theme “**Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind**”, from 10–14 October 2022, at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre in Hyderabad, India. The UNWGIC is being hosted by the Government of India through its Ministry of Science and Technology and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) through the UN-GGIM Secretariat.

The convening of the second UNWGIC arises out of the mandate from the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to the Committee of Experts – a subsidiary body of ECOSOC – to convene global forums to promote comprehensive dialogue on global geospatial information management with all relevant governments, international organizations, and stakeholders. The objective of the UNWGIC is to provide a convening, participatory and inclusive environment to enhance the communication, understanding, knowledge and application of geospatial information to address local, regional, and global challenges.

The second UNWGIC will be a global event bringing together all stakeholders at the highest level to engage Member States in the promotion and utilization of geospatial information in service of social, economic, and environmental development. The Congress will focus on enhancing international cooperation among participants, reflect the importance of geospatial information to support technological development, address the development and strengthening of geospatial information management systems and capacities, and demonstrate the importance of international coordination and cooperation for building a human data and geography community. Our goal is to work toward a shared future and a better world, in which all are able to be counted within an inclusive global society.

While the actual UNWGIC plenary program covers three days (11 - 13 October), the overall event will be a week-long (10 - 14 October), and will include global and regional meetings, workshops and learning events, expert meetings, and side events, including the eleventh plenary meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management

for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP), as well as the annual meeting of the UN-GGIM Expanded Bureau.

The second UNWGIC will be substantively supported by each of the Regional Committees of UN-GGIM, including for: Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa); Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas); Arab States (UN-GGIM: Arab States), Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) and Europe (UN-GGIM: Europe); as well as the UN-GGIM Geospatial Societies, the UN-GGIM Academic Network, the UN-GGIM Private Sector Network, and the United Nations Geospatial Network.

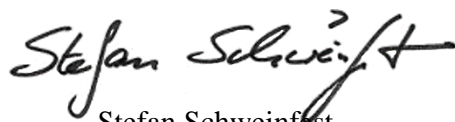
With planning for the UNWGIC now well advanced, we are delighted to send you this announcement to submit presentation proposals as detailed in the attached 'Call for Presentation Proposals' document. We invite you to submit presentation proposals using the form accessible at <https://forms.gle/Ydsip4vQGb7rpbMy7>. Submissions will be considered and evaluated by the UNWGIC International Advisory Committee (IAC) for inclusion in the Congress Program. The Concept Note as well as other information, including thematic areas, plenary and parallel sessions, this call for presentation proposals, and registration for the UNWGIC will be gradually posted on the second UNWGIC web-page at: <https://ggim.un.org/2unwgic/>. Registration will formally open early August 2022.

Should you have questions regarding the second UNWGIC, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Greg Scott (Tel: 1-212-963-8578; Fax: 1-212-963-0623; Email: [scott12@un.org](mailto:scott12@un.org)) and Ms. Vilma Frani (Tel: 1-917-367-2903; Fax: 1-212-963-0623; Email: [frani@un.org](mailto:frani@un.org)), UN-GGIM Secretariat, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Together with our co-organizers, we look forward to your submission of presentations and welcoming you at the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress in Hyderabad, India, as we work to advance the critical role of geospatial information in the implementation of global development objectives for a better world, geo-enabling our global village so that no one will be left behind.

Thank you and looking forward to reviewing your proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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