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“Geo-Enabling the Global Village: no one should be left behind”
Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress
Hyderabad, India
10 - 14 October 2022

CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

We are entering a period of unprecedented challenges. A perfect storm of human and environmental disasters. With the pandemic, climate change, conflicts, and other challenges, including health issues, safety and security, socio-economic stress, energy crises and food shortages we are facing imminent disruption of livelihoods. These will lead to increased threats and vulnerabilities to the global village, such as mass movement of people, famine, and other human tragedies. Saving our planet ensures a safe and secure biodiverse world for the prosperity of our future generations.

The second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) will bring together a diverse group of leaders and participants from various stakeholder groups, including: governments; national and international geospatial agencies; academia; regional and international professional bodies; the business community; and civil society. The UNWGIC will facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas, showcase innovations, share successful case studies, identify solutions, discuss future strategies, and provide mutual learning opportunities on a wide variety of topics.

The anchoring themes of the UNWGIC will be the nine Strategic Pathways of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF). Other related themes include the use of geospatial information: to collect, manage, report, and act on indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals; to address climate change; to support sustainable development, to promote and ensure professional diversity; and to showcase country-level action plans or alignment of existing national capabilities to the IGIF.

Innovation and a path forward are of high interest within the program. In addition, concepts including thought leadership, foresight and visioning will be included. Over the course of the three-day Congress, there will be many opportunities to engage in sessions that focus on solutions and opportunities while acknowledging some of the current and anticipated challenges in integrated geospatial information management and various applications that contribute to and benefit from the growing data ecosystem. There will be opportunity to consider the future geospatial information ecosystem within the broader digital information ecosystem.

The format of the UNWGIC seeks to engage and inform on knowledge and technology development, to share thinking as well as tested concepts, to stimulate dialogue, to exchange information, experiences and practices, and to chart a path toward geo-enabling the global village so that no one is left behind.

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.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

For each proposal, please provide -

- Focal point to be contacted for follow-up on the submission (name, affiliation, and email).
- Relevance to one of the themes of the UNWGIC – specify which theme to which your presentation is best associated.
- Presentation Title.
- Presentation Description – short description of your topic, including focus, scope, and objectives.
- Indication of ability to finance travel to Hyderabad, India as well as accommodation during the Congress.
- Main expected impact of your Presentation.
- Speaker information: name, affiliation, gender, and email.
- If other presentations are proposed from the same organization on a similar theme, indicate if there is preference to keep the presentations in the same session.

SUGGESTED THEMES

Cognizant of the UNWGIC theme, “*Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind*”, the suggested themes include:

- 1) Governance and institutions.
- 2) Policy and legal.
- 3) Financial.
- 4) Data.
- 5) Innovation.
- 6) Standards.
- 7) Partnerships.
- 8) Capacity and education.
- 9) Communication and engagement.
- 10) Implementing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework with country-level Action Plans.
- 11) The future geospatial information ecosystem.
- 12) Delivering national priorities and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- 13) Climate change and emerging challenges.
- 14) Enabling geospatial knowledge, technology, and industry.
- 15) Celebrating diversity in geospatial information management.

SELECTION PROCESS

The program for the UNWGIC is being developed by an International Advisory Committee (IAC) comprised of the UN-GGIM Bureau, the Chairs of the five UN-GGIM regional committees, the Chairs of the four UN-GGIM thematic networks, as well as senior representatives of major governmental and non-governmental organizations and related agencies of the UN system, senior experts, and representatives of the national steering committee.

The proposals will be evaluated by the IAC based on the following aspects:

- Relevance to a thematic area.
- Thought leadership, forward looking.
- Innovative aspects covered.
- Level or representation of presenters from different stakeholder groups to ensure proper interaction across data communities.
- Level of representation of presenters to ensure adequate geographical representation and gender balance across and within sessions.
- Inclusion of relevant recommendations and outcomes to the theme or launch of a new initiative.

This call for presentation proposals for the UNWGIC will **close on 17 June 2022**. All applicants will be informed about the status of their application by **mid July 2022**. It is anticipated that the draft program will be available by mid-August 2022: and the final program will be available by early September 2022.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Neither the International Advisory Committee nor the United Nations offer supporting funds to facilitate the travel and participation of proposed speakers. The involvement of speakers (and participants) must therefore be completely self-financed, including travel, accommodation, and any other related expenses. There are no registration fees to be a participant or speaker at the Congress.*