

International Advisory Committee
Third United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress
16 – 19 November 2026
Hilton Riyadh Hotel & Residences, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Membership

Composition

The International Advisory Committee (IAC) of the Third United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (3rd UNWGIC) shall include:

- Members of the UN-GGIM Bureau.
- Chairs (or their representatives) of the five UN-GGIM regional committees.
- Chairs (or their representatives) of the UN-GGIM thematic networks.
- A representative from the host country (a nominee of GEOSA or the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
- A member of the IAC of the 2nd UNWGIC from its host country.
- A senior representative from one UN system entity or international organization.
- A few invited global experts (not more than four) from stakeholder groups.

The membership of the IAC shall not exceed twenty and the IAC shall elect its chairperson from among its members. The UN-GGIM Secretariat (Statistics Division) will serve as the secretariat of the IAC and provide backstopping services for the overall program of the 3rd UNWGIC. Up to two representatives of the host country's local organizing and logistical committee(s) will serve as ex-officio members to ensure coordination with local organizing and logistical efforts.



Membership			
Grouping		Person	Affiliation
UN-GGIM Bureau	1	Mohammed Yahya Al-Sayel	Co-Chair, UN-GGIM (Saudi Arabia)
	2	Clinton Heimann	Co-Chair, UN-GGIM (South Africa)
	3	Deidre Dalpiaz Bishop	Co-Chair, UN-GGIM (United States of America)
	4	Meizyanne Hicks	Rapporteur, UN-GGIM (Fiji)
UN-GGIM regional committees	5	tbc	Chair, UN-GGIM: Africa
	6	Sofia Nilo Crisóstomo	Chair, UN-GGIM: Americas (Chile)
	7	Asim Ibrahim Al-Ghamdi	Secretary General, UN-GGIM: Arab States (Saudi Arabia)
	8	Antonius Bambang Wijanarto	Representing the Co-Chair, UN-GGIM-AP (Indonesia)
	9	Ingrid Vanden Berghe	Chair (<i>a.i.</i>), UN-GGIM: Europe (Belgium)
UN-GGIM thematic networks	10	Mohamed Zaffar Sadiq Mohamed Ghouse	Chair, UN-GGIM Geospatial Societies
	11	Songnian Li	Chair, UN-GGIM Academic Network
	12	Valrie Grant	Chair, UN-GGIM Private Sector Network
	13	Dejan Jakovlevic	Chair, UN Geospatial Network (FAO)
Nominee of KSA/GEOSA	14	Mohammad Almabrook	General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information, Saudi Arabia
Member of the 2 nd UNWGIC IAC (<i>from host entity</i>)	15	Shubha Pandey	Department of Science and Technology, India
UN system	16	Rolando Ocampo	Director, Statistics Division, Economic and Social Commission for Americas and the Caribbean
Invited Experts	17	Tim Trainor	Past co-Chair, UN-GGIM; Past President, International Cartographic Association

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