

## First Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence

29 to 31 March 2023

Conference Room LE 2312, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Langer Eugen Building  
UN Campus, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1, 53113 Bonn, Germany

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### Provisional Agenda

The provisional agenda for the International Advisory Committee of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE: IAC) is as follows –

- 1) Welcome, introductions and organization of the meeting
- 2) Terms of Reference and composition of the Committee
  - a) Recognizing the strategic advisory role and responsibility of the Committee
  - b) Election of co-Chairs for the Committee
  - c) Working modality of the Committee
- 3) Strategy and substantive programme of work for the overall implementation of the agreed UN-GGCE framework plan
- 4) Any other global geodesy related scientific and operational matters
- 5) Summary, next step and close

#### Organization of the meeting

The proposed organization of the First Meeting of the UN-GGCE: IAC is prepared to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the time available to the International Advisory Committee over the three days. The organization is as follows -

Agenda items	Scheduled days and segments	
	Day	Segment and proposed time to be spent on the item
1) Welcome, introductions and organization of the work	29 March	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (20 min)
2) Terms of Reference and composition of the Committee	29 March	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (40 min)
	30 March	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (10 min)
3) Strategy and substantive programme of work for the overall implementation of the agreed UN-GGCE framework plan	30 March	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (50 min)
	31 March	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (60 min)
4) Any other global geodesy related operational and technical matters	30 March	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (45 min)
		3:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (40 min)
5) Summary, next meeting and close	31 March	3:50 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (20 min)

## Organization of the work

Wednesday, 29 March 2023

08:15 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. Arrival of members of the UN-GGCE: IAC, security clearance, processing of grounds pass, and registrations

09:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. *Third Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy*

*In this segment, members of the UN-GGCE: IAC are invited to participate in the Third Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee*

10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Refreshment break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon *First Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the UN-GGCE*

### **Agenda item #1 – Welcome, introductions and organization of the work**

*Welcome, introductions and opening segment of the First Meeting of the UN-GGCE: IAC which also includes arrangements for the meeting*

#### Welcome and opening remarks

*Brief opening and welcome remarks*

##### ➤ Stefan Schweinfest

Director, UN Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

#### Provisional agenda and organization of the work

*The agenda and organization of the work will be considered and agreed by the IAC*

##### ➤ Stefan Schweinfest

UN Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

### **Agenda item #2 - Terms of Reference and composition of the Committee**

*The International Advisory Committee (IAC) is established for the UN-GGCE to have access to scientific and operational expertise from the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) including its Subcommittee on Geodesy, regional committees and thematic groups as well as international organization such as the International Association of Geodesy and the International Federation of Surveyors. The UN-GGCE is the first of an envisioned federated approach to enhance global cooperation and coordination across Member States and relevant geodetic stakeholders, strengthen geodetic infrastructure, as well as support Member States in improving their national contributions to the global geodetic infrastructure. In this segment, the meeting will be briefed on its Terms of Reference and the composition of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee*

#### Introductions

*Members of the UN-GGKIC: IAC will be introduced at this segment of the meeting*

##### ➤ Stefan Schweinfest

UN Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

- ☐ **Terms of Reference of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee**  
*The First meeting of the UN-GGCE: IAC will review its draft Terms of Reference, refine and update as appropriate before adopting its Terms of Reference during this segment of the meeting*

  - **Stefan Schweinfest**  
 UN Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
  
- ☐ **Recognizing of the strategic advisory role and responsibility of the International Advisory Committee**  
*The IAC provides required guidance and advice on the development, implementation and review of the substantive annual programme of work of the UN-GGCE in consultation with the Head of the Centre. The strategic advisory role and responsibility role of the IAC will be recognized by its members, and as appropriate, clarified, in this segment of the meeting*

  - **Stefan Schweinfest**  
 UN Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
  
- ☐ **Working modality of the International Advisory Committee**  
*The IAC shall work through electronic exchanges with an annual meeting hosted by the UN-GGCE. The co-Chairs, with support from the Secretariat and Head of the Centre, shall coordinate, monitor, and report on the activities of the IAC to the UN-GGCE Steering Committee. The IAC and the UN-GGCE shall formally report on the implementation and progress of its programme of work to the annual sessions of UN-GGIM, through the preparation of written reports and background documents, under the standing agenda item “The Global Geodetic Reference Frame”*

  - **Stefan Schweinfest**  
 UN Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch break
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremony of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence <i>All members of the UN-GGCE: IAC are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony at Conference Room LE 1916, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Langer Eugen Building</i>
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony get-together social event <i>All members of the UN-GGCE: IAC are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony get-together social event, a social gathering for the occasion and a welcome for meeting participants over the three days.</i>

**Thursday, 30 March 2023**

08:15 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.	Arrival of meeting participants and security clearance
09:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	<i>Third Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy</i> <i>In this segment, members of the UN-GGCE: IAC are invited to participate in the Third Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee</i>
10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Refreshment break

11:00 a.m. –

*First Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the UN-GGCE*

12:00 noon **Agenda item #2 - Terms of Reference and composition of the Committee**

Election of co-Chairs for the International Advisory Committee

*The International Advisory Committee shall elect two (2) co-Chairs to serve for a two-year period. The Secretariat suggest that co-Chairs be selected with due consideration for geographic diversity and equity between developed and developing countries. The Secretariat further proposes there be two candidates for the co-Chair positions, and they be affirmed by acclamation at this meeting. The Secretariat also proposes one of the two co-Chairs serve a half term, for one year. Thus, the next time the IAC meets, the IAC will fill the vacant co-Chair position and thereafter, election shall be biennial to ensure continuity*

➤ Cheehai Teo

UNDESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

**Agenda item #3 – Strategy and substantive programme of work for the overall implementation of the agreed UN-GGCE framework plan**

*The overarching goal of the UN-GGCE is to assist Member States and geodetic organizations to coordinate and collaborate to sustain, enhance, access and utilize an accurate, accessible and sustainable Global Geodetic Reference Frame to support science, society, and global development for the betterment of the people, planet, peace, and prosperity. Its objective is to support, within available resources, the implementation of A/RES/69/266 through enhancing global cooperation and coordination across Member States and geodetic organizations to maximize the benefit of ongoing geodetic efforts, ensure coherence, and avoid duplication of efforts*

Framework plan of the UN-GGCE

*The substantive programme of work will be developed and implemented in accordance with the agreed Framework Plan. The Framework Plan outlined five operational focus areas as agreed by the Subcommittee on Geodesy, namely: Governance; Geodetic Infrastructure, Policies and Standards; Education, Training and Capacity Development; and Communications and Outreach. The meeting will be briefed on the elements of these five operational focus areas and in this regard, the views and perspective of the Subcommittee on Geodesy*

➤ Nicholas Brown

Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Geodesy

Substantive work programme of the UN-GGCE

*The substantive programme of work will provide broad direction for the UN-GGCE and will be developed collaboratively with the Subcommittee on Geodesy and guided by the Subcommittee's Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame and the Concept Paper on Establishing a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence. The IAC will begin developing its guidance and advice to the UN-GGCE, discuss and consider feasible priorities, areas of initial focus and key elements that can be part of the UN-GGCE substantive work programme*

➤ Co-Chairs

UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee

12:00 noon –

Lunch break

2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – Joint meeting of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee and the  
3:30 p.m. Subcommittee on Geodesy

*The UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee and the Subcommittee on Geodesy collectively consider the implementation of the A/RES/69/266 and enhancing multi-lateral collaboration for an accurate, accessible, and sustainable Global Geodetic Reference Frame for the betterment of people, planet, peace, and prosperity. In this joint meeting segment, participants may consider the preparation and implementation of a global geodesy development plan, developing and implementing a modality to advance global geodesy coordination and coherence involving Member States, relevant international geodesy organization and stakeholders, and approaches for improving national contributions to global geodesy. In delivering the framework plan of the UN-GGCE, its annual plan of work will leverage the [United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework](#) (UN-IGIF) as a forward-looking framework at the country level*

#### *First Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the UN-GGCE*

#### **Agenda item 4 - Any other global geodesy related operational and technical matters**

*In this segment, participants consider developing and implementing a global geodesy development plan that identifies and articulates national, regional, and global geodetic needs, user requirements including critical geodetic infrastructure, and requirements (or needs), gaps and opportunities to sustain the GGRF in line with the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)*

- ❑ Co-Facilitators
  - Co-Chairs
    - UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee
  - Nicholas Brown
    - Subcommittee on Geodesy

3:30 p.m. – Refreshment break  
3:50 p.m.

3:50 p.m. – Joint meeting of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee and the  
5:30 p.m. Subcommittee on Geodesy

*The UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee and the Subcommittee on Geodesy collectively consider the implementation of the A/RES/69/266 and enhancing multi-lateral collaboration for an accurate, accessible, and sustainable Global Geodetic Reference Frame. In this joint meeting segment, participants consider feasible modality to promote and encourage increasing national geodetic contributions to the GGRF*

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#### **Agenda item 4 - Any other global geodesy related operational and technical matters**

*In this segment, the participants consider feasible modalities to promote, encourage, improve increasing national contributions to the GGRF aimed at raising awareness and communicating the importance of the GGRF within Member States, developing geodetic capability and competency towards strengthening national geodetic capacity, and standards-based sharing and exchange of geodetic data*

- ❑ Co-Facilitators
  - Co-Chairs
    - UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee
  - Nicholas Brown
    - Subcommittee on Geodesy

Friday, 31 March 2023

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09:00 a.m.

09:00 a.m. – Third Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy  
10:40 a.m. *In this segment, members of the UN-GGCE: IAC are invited to participate in the Third Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee*

10:40 a.m. – Refreshment break  
11:00 a.m.

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- Open and interactive discussion

*The meeting will continue its consideration, as appropriate, to develop its guidance and advice on feasible UN-GGCE strategic priority actions and activities to fulfill its mandate and expectations, to enhance and improved global cooperation and coordination across Member States and geodetic organizations, and improved national contributions to the sustainability of the global geodetic reference frame*

- Co-Chairs
  - UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee (*facilitator*)

12:00 noon – Lunch break  
2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – Third Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy  
3:30 p.m. *In this segment, members of the UN-GGCE: IAC are invited to participate in the Third Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee*

3:30 p.m. – Break  
3.50 p.m.

3:50 p.m. – Joint closing meeting of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee and the  
4:30 p.m. Subcommittee on Geodesy

*First Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the UN-GGCE*

**Agenda item 5 - Summary, next meeting and close**

*The co-Chair will provide a set of summary outcomes reflecting the discussion and recommendations of the meeting. The meeting will consider its next meeting, both virtually and in-person. The meeting will close with some brief closing remarks.*

Next meeting

*The meeting will consider its next meeting, virtual and in-person.*

➤ Co-Chairs

International Advisory Committee

Summary outcomes

*The meeting will consider a set of draft summary decisions prepared by the co-Chair as the outcome of the meeting*

➤ Co-Chairs

International Advisory Committee

Brief closing remarks

➤ CheeHai TEO

UNDESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

➤ Co-Chairs

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