



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

18 to 19 March 2024

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

### **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

This is a summary of the discussion and decisions from the Second Meeting of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE) International Advisory Committee (IAC), from 18 to 19 March 2024 at the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany.

#### **1) Welcome, introductions and organization of the meeting**

- i) Welcomed participants to the meeting;
- ii) Appreciated the accomplishments of the UN-GGCE staff since its operationalization;
- iii) Appreciated the preparations, arrangements, and hospitality of the UN-GGCE; and
- iv) Approved the agenda and organization of work of the meeting.

#### **2) Operating plan of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence**

The UN-GGCE Strategy and Operating Plan of the UN-GGCE was presented along with its governance model and reporting lines. The IAC also received an update on the work which has been undertaken by the UN-GGCE since the Head of Office started in October 2023.

- i) Appreciated the work and actions undertaken by the UN-GGCE to focus on improving the evidence showing the importance of the global geodesy supply chain;
- ii) Agreed with the with UN-GGCE plans to use the evidence to drive improvement in the other focus areas of resources, governance, capacity, awareness;
- iii) Approved the UN-GGCE operational plan and priorities for 2024 and 2025; and took note of the short time frame and resources it has to sustain its operations;
- iv) Welcomed contributions and secondments from Member States; and noted the draft UN-GGCE Partnership Program to attract partners and donors;
- v) Appreciated the draft Hidden Risk report and its potential as evidence for policy and decision makers; and
- vi) Discussed options for the improvement of the Hidden Risk report, including the development of a 'two page version' to accompany the full report release. The full report and the two pager will also be provided as a background document to the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts 14<sup>th</sup> meeting in August 2024.

#### **3) Workshop on the Draft Global Geodesy Needs Assessment**

- i) Welcomed the findings in the Draft Global Geodesy Needs Assessment which included contributions from nine 'Listening World Tour' sessions with over 500 people registered; and



with participation from 110 Member States; in addition to expert consultation session, UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy documents and surveys;

- ii) Noted and discussed the Global Geodesy Needs Assessment's gaps and options for improvement, including what actions are required to meet Member State needs
- iii) Noted and discussed the UN-GGCE's plans to draft the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Development Plan for Global Geodesy and consult with Member States and partner organizations by the second half of May 2024; and
- iv) Noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Development Plan for Global Geodesy will be provided as background document to the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts 14<sup>th</sup> meeting in August 2024.

#### 4) Summary, next steps and close

The Head of Office of UN-GGCE commented on:

- The positive feedback the UN-GGCE received at recent high level events, in particular, in relation to the communication and outreach the UN-GGCE had undertaken.
- The need for Member States to contribute with funding or secondments to help sustain the UN-GGCE.
- The excellent feedback and support IAC members have provided the UN-GGCE since its establishment.
- The importance of using the dedicated resources we have to translate strategy into action.
- The upcoming Expert Consultation meeting (22 and 23 April) on Strengthening the Global Geodesy Supply Chain, which will gather policy makers, decision makers and defence experts. The UN-GGCE hope to provide new and fresh ideas to communicate to decision makers.
- Policy briefs the UN-GGCE is developing. The first one will accompany the Hidden Risk report and focus on the importance of the global geodesy supply chain for critical infrastructure and the global economy.
- A series of webinars the UN-GGCE is providing – starting in July / August – on how to modernize a Geospatial Reference System.
- Capacity development workshops the UN-GGCE with run in late 2024 and 2025 on how to modernize a Geospatial Reference System. The UN-GGCE has the funding to bring people to Bonn for the training. UN-GGCE partners can be part of the workshops as well, to sit with members and share knowledge.