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Second Meeting of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy

18 to 21 March 2024
UN Campus, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1,
53113, Bonn, Germany

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Background

An agreement “On the Operationalization of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence” between the United Nations and the Federal Republic of Germany was formalized in November 2022. The agreement formalizes the offer from Germany to host the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE) at the UN Campus in Bonn. The UN-GGCE’s vision for the future is one where all countries have strong political support for geodesy which enables them to – together – accelerate the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals and derive social, environmental and economic benefits.

The UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy played a considerable role in the establishment of the UN-GGCE. Following efforts to recognize the importance of the geodesy in the General Assembly resolution 69/266¹ the Subcommittee advocated for dedicated resources to strengthen and advance: global geodetic cooperation and coordination; worldwide geodetic infrastructure; standards, policies and conventions; education, training and capacity building; and communication and awareness, while also coordinating measures and overseeing their implementation.

The objective of the UN-GGCE is to work with Member States and geodetic organizations to strengthen our collective impact to:

- Enhance investment in the global geodesy supply chain.
- Improve coordination and collaboration amongst Member States and geodetic organizations.
- Share geodetic data and improve standards, on a voluntary basis, to contribute to the global reference frame and regional densifications.
- Provide greater technical assistance, especially for capacity development in geodesy for developing countries.
- Make geodesy and its benefit more visible and understandable to society.

¹ [GA resolution 69/266](#)





Introduction

The Second Meeting of the International Advisory Committee will be held from 18 to 19 March 2024 at the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany. Over these two days, there will be a joint workshop on the global geodesy needs assessment and global geodesy development plan where the UN-GGCE and the UN-GGIM Subcommittee will participate.

From 20 to 21 March 2024 the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee will be held at the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany. Members of the UN-GGCE: IAC who are not members of the Subcommittee are invited to participate in this meeting.

The International Advisory Committee is requested to advise on the global geodesy needs assessment, progress on global geodesy development plan and further work of the UN-GGCE including the discussion paper on the importance of the global geodesy supply chain to critical infrastructure and the global economy. The Subcommittee of Geodesy members are invited to participate in discussions and assist with access to scientific and operational expertise and to develop strategies, implementation plans, policies and guidelines.

The Second Meeting of the Steering Committee will be held in the afternoon of 21 March 2024.

Outline schedule for the days, 18 – 21 March 2024

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Monday, 18 March	2 nd meeting of the UN-GGCE: International Advisory Committee	Joint UN-GGCE, UN-GGCE: IAC, Subcommittee on Geodesy workshop on global geodesy needs assessment.
Tuesday, 19 March	Joint UN-GGCE, UN-GGCE: IAC, Subcommittee on Geodesy workshop on global geodesy development plan.	2 nd meeting of the UN-GGCE: International Advisory Committee
Wednesday, 20 March	4 th plenary meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy (including members of UN-GGCE: IAC who are not members of the Subcommittee)	4 th plenary meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy (including members of UN-GGCE: IAC who are not members of the Subcommittee)
Thursday, 21 March	4 th plenary meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy (including members of UN-GGCE: IAC who are not members of the Subcommittee)	4 th plenary meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy (including members of UN-GGCE: IAC who are not members of the Subcommittee) Second Meeting of the UN-GGCE Steering Committee





Participation

The Second Meeting of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee is an in-person closed meeting, by invitation only, for members of the International Advisory Committee. However, members of the Subcommittee on Geodesy are invited to observe the meeting.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy is an in-person closed meeting, by invitation only, for members of the Subcommittee. Members of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee are invited to participate and contribute to the Fourth Plenary Meeting.

The Second Meeting of the UN-GGCE Steering Committee is an in-person closed meeting, only for members of the Steering Committee and person(s) invited to observe the meeting by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs or by the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community (BMI), Germany.

All participants and observers are responsible for their travel, local logistics, subsistence and accommodation arrangements, and related expenditures. All participants and observers are responsible for their respective entries into Germany and the European Union including necessary visa and travel insurance as applicable.

Registration

All invited members, participants and observers must confirm and register their attendance by email to Vilma Frani (Email: frani@un.org) as soon as possible, latest by Friday 19 February 2024. This is necessary to facilitate any requirements of security and grounds pass into UN Campus, Bonn.

Provisional Agendas

Second Meeting of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee

- 1) Welcome, introductions and organization of the meeting
- 2) Strategy and Operational Plan of the Centre
- 3) Proposed annual work plan of the centre including key activities
- 4) Presentation of the draft global geodesy needs assessment
- 5) Discussion and workshop on the global geodesy needs assessment
- 6) Presentation of the draft global geodesy development plan
- 7) Discussion and workshop on the global geodesy development plan
- 8) Any other global geodesy related scientific and operational matters
- 9) Membership and participation of the Committee
- 10) Summary, next step and close

A provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of the Second Meeting of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee will be developed and provided closer to the date of the meeting.





Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy

- 1) Welcome, introductions and organization of the work
- 2) Presentation of the draft global geodesy needs assessment
- 3) Discussion and workshop on the global geodesy needs assessment
- 4) Presentation of the draft global geodesy development plan
- 5) Discussion and workshop on the global geodesy development plan
- 6) Aligning the work program of the Subcommittee on Geodesy and the UN-GGCE Strategy and Operating Plan
- 7) Any other global geodesy related operational and technical matters
- 8) Business of the Subcommittee – Working Groups, Bureau and co-Chairs
- 9) Summary, next meeting and close

A provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of the work of the Third Plenary Meeting will be developed and provided closer to the date of the meeting.

Organizers

The meetings are organized by the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE) at the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany.

Language

The meetings will be conducted in English only.

Meeting Venue

The meetings will be held at the **UN Campus, Bonn, Germany**

Logistical Information

A separate logistical information note will be made available after the issuance of this concept note.

Health and Safety

For a safe meeting environment, prevailing local government measures related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic at the time of the meeting shall apply.



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