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Joint UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy 5th Plenary; 3rd UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee and UN-GGCE Steering Committee Meeting

**10 to 14 March 2025
UN Campus, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1,
53113, Bonn, Germany**

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The Third Meeting of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE) International Advisory Committee will be held jointly with the Fifth Plenary Meeting of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Subcommittee on Geodesy from 10 to 14 March 2025 at the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany.

Participants will work together to implement the 1st Joint Development Plan for Global Geodesy. This will include discussion, consultation and consensus building on a range of topics including:

- Strengthening country level governance with inclusion across policy, defense and science agencies.
- Developing global geodesy governance options such as bilateral agreements, multilateral agreements and an international organization.
- Maintaining current accuracy and reliability of geodetic products.
- Building strong business cases (with consideration of current government priorities)
- Developing and retaining a geodesy workforce
- Designing a robust global geodesy supply chain including ground observing stations, technology, analysis, capacity, software, spectrum and cybersecurity requirements.
- Development of material which can be used to describe the importance of radio spectrum protection and FAIR data.

Most of the sessions throughout the week will be run jointly (with the Subcommittee and IAC members working together). Two of the sessions will be run separately to handle the necessary business elements of the IAC and Subcommittee. All Members are invited to attend for the whole week and observe the business meetings they are not a member of.

The Third Meeting of the UN-GGCE Steering Committee will be held at some point during this week at a date and time to be confirmed.



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Participation

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

The Fifth 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 Fifth Plenary Meeting.

The Third 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.

Selected participants, including all members of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee will have their travel arranged and paid for by the UN-GGCE. These selected participants will be contacted directly regarding travel arrangements. The selected participants will receive a per diem / Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA), which is intended to cover accommodation, meals, and incidental expenses.

Please note that while the DSA is provided to cover accommodation and other daily expenses, participants are responsible for making their own accommodation bookings and managing local logistics (e.g., transport to/from the meeting venue).

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 Walaa Allahham (Email: Walaa.Allahham@un.org) as soon as possible, latest by **Monday 13 January 2025** This is necessary to facilitate any requirements of security and grounds pass into UN Campus, Bonn.

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.



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Meeting Venue

The meetings will be held at the Altes Abgeordnetenhaus (AAH) » EG01 Level » Upper Conference Room 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.

Points of Contact

For local arrangements, logistics, information, administrative matters and meeting arrangements:

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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 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.

(10 December 2025)

¹ [GA resolution 69/266](#)