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The United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE) vision is a future where all countries have strong political support for geodesy which enables them to – together – implement the General Assembly Resolution 69/266 ‘A Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development’, and accelerate the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals to derive social, environmental and economic benefits.

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AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO

We are raising awareness

In January UN-GGCE’s Head of Office, Nick Brown travelled to Aguascalientes in Mexico to meet with representatives from Member States and partners worldwide at National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI) to discuss how UN-GGIM can assist in accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals.



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AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO: Head of Office, Nick Brown, was introducing the hidden risks associated with the global geodesy supply chain.

The United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence’s message in Mexico was simple:

“We want to work with Member States and partners to strengthen political support for the global geodesy supply chain.”

As Nick explained to UN-GGIM Members; without the supply chain of geodetic ground observatories, data centres, analysis centres and the wonderful people who do the work, services from satellites like GNSS and Earth Observation will degrade over time.

“This degradation will limit Member States abilities to take action on the Sustainable Development Goals,” he explained.

Nick Brown also presented the UN-GGCE Strategy and Operational

Plan which is available online at <https://ggim.un.org/UNGGCE>. Currently available in English, French and Russian, soon the plan will be available in all UN languages thanks to the assistance of our friends in each of the UN-GGIM regions.

We are consulting experts

Following on from the ‘Listening Tour’ sessions the UN-GGCE had with the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) last year, the UN-GGCE team is following up to have more detailed discussions with representatives from the IAG Services.

This include the VLBI, SLR, DORIS, Gravity, IERS and GNSS communities.

“The IAG is a very important partner of ours and we look forward to continuing to work with them to explain the importance of their role to decision makers”, Nick Brown says.

We are being social

As part of the UN-GGCE’s strategy to improve awareness of the importance of geodesy to decision makers, the UN-GGCE is combining its communication efforts with those from the UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy.

In January 2024 the UN-GGCE merged the UN-GGCE and the UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy’s LinkedIn- and X (Twitter)-accounts in the spirit of working STRONGER. TOGETHER and hopefully being CLEARER. TOGETHER.

We encourage you to follow the accounts and posts. Like and share!

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The UN-GGCE website is currently operating on the UN-GGIM website: ggim.un.org/UNGGCE

It currently contains our Strategy and Operating Plan, meeting documents and information about the ‘Listening World Tour’ with concept notes.

Over the coming months we will work with the UN Secretariat in New York to develop a new website with more functionality and more geodetic resources for Member States.





Listening World Tour

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We are still listening

The LISTENING WORLD TOUR is off to a great start! The UN-GGCE team has really enjoyed meeting with UN-GGIM: Americas, the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) (so much so we did it twice) in November 2023 and the Asia-Pacific in January 2024. This week, on 5 February, we completed the meeting with UN-GGIM: Arab States.

The objective of the Listening sessions is to understand what Member States and partners currently have with respect to evidence of the importance of geodesy, resources, governance, capacity and awareness. We then want to work with Member States and partners to produce a Joint Development Plan with actions to make the global geodetic supply chain more resilient for the future.

Upcoming Listening sessions include:

- UN-GGIM: Europe 16 February
- FIG, IHO and ISO TC/211: 20 February
- UN-GGIM: Africa 27 February

Check out the upcoming meetings and dates under the tag UN-GGCE LISTENING WORLD TOUR at <https://ggim.un.org/UNGGCE/>

“If we haven’t reached out to you yet, or you don’t see how you or your organization is represented in one of the Listening Tour sessions, please feel free to reach out to Nick (contact details below) and the UN-GGCE team will be more than happy to arrange to meet with you and listen to your ideas.”

Nicholas Brown, UN-GGCE Head of Office: nicholas.brown@un.org

We are working on a joint development plan

A summary of the global and regional needs collected from the Listening sessions and consultation sessions will be presented to Member States and partners at the 4th plenary meeting of the UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy and 2nd meeting of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee in Bonn, Germany between (18-21 March 2024).

Between April and July 2024, the UN-GGCE will then coordinate input from Member States and partners on the Joint Development Plan and actions they think are necessary.

The Joint Development Plan will be presented to the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Committee of Experts at the 14th session in August 2024.

