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# HIGH-LEVEL GROUP OF THE IGIF

May 2022

## Highlights from the first plenary meeting



### HLG-IGIF CO-CHAIRS MESSAGE



Co-Chairs Dr. Tulu Besha Bedada and Ms. Deirdre Bishop were thrilled to have the HLG-IGIF together for the first time. We were thankful so many were able to attend in person. For those that were not able to attend, we missed you and hope to see you at the UN-GGIM 12<sup>th</sup> session in New York August 3-5 (with side events August 1 & 2).

### A WORKING MEETING

The HLG-IGIF met in person for the first time April 26-28. The focus was on advancing the Plan of Work for the three priority goals:

- Improve Communication
- Strengthen Capacity Development
- Mobilize Sustainable Funding

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The HLG broke out into three groups to review and discuss the tasks for each of the three priority goals and to assign tasks to HLG members. We hope all HLG-IGIF members will participate in advancing the Plan of Work.



## THE WORK CONTINUES

The teams working on each of the three priority goals will continue working to advance the tasks on the Plan of Work. To join a group, contact the co-chairs at:

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## WELCOME FRIENDS!

The HLG-IGIF welcomed the Friends of the UN-GGIM Co-Chairs for the joint meeting. The meeting was successful in raising awareness of the IGIF as a key product of the UN-GGIM, underpinning the value of the UN-GGIM and helping to justify the strengthening of institutional arrangements on geospatial information management. The HLG appreciated their expertise and teamwork and consider them to be Friends of the HLG-IGIF as well! The group also welcomed a visit from Ambassador Stoeva (Bulgaria), Vice-President of the UN Economic and Social Council for the 2022 session, who acknowledged the vital work of the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts and its subsidiary bodies. Thank you Ambassador Stoeva. The HLG would also like to thank our partners from the World Bank, Esri, Pvblic Foundation and the Centre for Spatial Law and Policy, whose active participation and support were greatly appreciated!

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOGO!**

During our meeting, the HLG voted on and selected a logo for the IGIF. Thanks to our colleagues at the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico for developing the logos.



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## HLG-IGIF AND FRIENDS OF THE CO-CHAIRS MEMBER COUNTRIES

