



UN-GGIM Task Team on Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience

Terms of Reference

1. Background and Mandate

The inception of the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Task Team on Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience (TT-GICR) lies within the follow-up to the most recent Cambridge Conference and the creation of the "How to Guide¹," which was structured around the three domains of influence of the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF), namely Governance, Data and Technology, and People. This subsequently led to the development the paper ***Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience² - What Does UN-GGIM Do?***, which was deliberated upon during the thirteenth session of UN-GGIM and was supported by a side event on the session's margins. Subsequently, UN-GGIM made Decision 13/107, which provides the mandate for the TT-GICR work, *inter alia*, as:

- i. Establish a task team under the purview of the Committee of Experts to strengthen interlinkages between geospatial, statistical, climate and other relevant communities and organisations of the United Nations system;
- ii. Convene an appropriate and relevant international forum or event on geospatial information for climate resilience that brings relevant stakeholders together to establish an effective programme of work; and,
- iii. Develop a more detailed concept paper that expands on the relevant initiatives, activities and frameworks under the purview of the Committee of Experts;

2. Aims and Objective

The primary aim of the TT-GICR is to strengthen interlinkages between geospatial, statistical, climate and other relevant communities and organisations of the United Nations system. It will achieve this by developing a detailed concept paper that expands on the relevant initiatives, activities and frameworks under the purview of UN-GGIM, identifying how these resources relate to geospatial information for climate resilience.

3. Governance, Membership, and Reporting

The TT-GICR will comprise Members, who are expert representatives from Member State geospatial and statistical national organisations who are knowledgeable and experienced in the domain of geospatial information and climate resilience. To ensure broad expertise and effectiveness, relevant subject matter

¹ <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/documents/cambridge-conference/how-guide-cambridge-conference-22.pdf>

² https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-Session/documents/Discussion%20paper_Geospatial%20information%20for%20climate%20resilience.pdf



experts from the United Nations System, international organisations and the wider statistical and geospatial communities may be drawn into the TT-GICR.

The TT-GICR (Task Team on Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience) is under the leadership of Member State convenors, who serve as representatives of the TT-GICR to the UN-GGIM Bureau. They play a pivotal role in connecting the Convenors of UN-GGIM with the operational activities of the TT-GICR, encompassing the dual responsibility of conveying updates on progress and soliciting guidance from both the co-Chairs of UN-GGIM and the Convenors TT-GICR.

4. Secretariat

UNSD will serve as the permanent Secretariat of the TT-GICR. In cooperation with the Convenors, the Secretariat will coordinate and assist with the organisation and preparation of the agenda for the meetings of the TT-GICR, issue notices, and support with any other activities deemed necessary. The convenors will coordinate, monitor and report on the activities of the TT-GICR to the UN-GGIM Bureau and UN-GGIM, supported by the Secretariat.

5. Methods of Work and Expected Lifecycle

The TT-GICR shall work through electronic exchanges and regular virtual meetings in an open, inclusive and transparent manner.

Given UN-GGIM Decision 13/107, it is expected that the work of TT-GICR will conclude following the delivery of the detailed concept paper that expands on the relevant initiatives, activities and frameworks under the purview of UN-GGIM.

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