



Third Preparatory Meeting of the Proposed United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

New York, 4-6 April 2011

Provisional Agenda and Annotations

4-5 April, 2011

1. Election of Chair and Opening Remarks

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Opening Remarks by Chair

Opening Remarks by Director of the United Nations Statistics Division/DESA

Opening Remarks by Chief of the UN Cartographic Section/DFS

2. Draft ECOSOC Report on Global Geospatial Information Management

ECOSOC decision E/2010/240 and preparatory processes;

Discussion of the draft report to ECOSOC on GGIM and the modalities of work;

3. Update on Mission Statement and Critical Issues

Draft mission statement and terms of reference for the Proposed Committee on GGIM;

Review of global challenges in issues related to GGIM;

Review of inter-governmental processes and support from member states.

4. Update on Preparatory Activities

GGIM emblem and website;

Feedback on GGIM from various International Meetings;

Update from Global Map, UN Map and SALB projects;

5. High level forum on GGIM

Review of the preparatory activities of first high level forum on GGIM;

Discussion on the agenda and the critical issues;

Outreach efforts;

6. Other Issues

6 April, 2011

7. Informal Bilateral Consultations

Annotations

1. Draft ECOSOC Report on Global Geospatial Information Management

The meeting will have before it, for information, the text of the ECOSOC decision E/2010/240 that provided the ongoing initiative on GGIM with the official inter-governmental mandate, and paved the way for the preparatory processes.

The meeting will discuss a range of pertinent issues on GGIM and the modalities of work of the proposed structure as contained in the report to be submitted to ECOSOC, as requested by the ECOSOC decision mentioned above. The meeting is expected to discuss the modus operandi of the proposed Committee, in terms of membership, composition and term of office, reporting procedure, frequency of meetings, secretariat, meeting documentation and resource requirements.

2. Update on Mission Statement and Critical Issues

The meeting will have before it, for information, a background document on the draft mission statement and terms of reference for the proposed committee of experts on GGIM. This document, prepared by UNSD and reviewed by a drafting committee, under the leadership of Japan as one of the co-chairs of the Second Preparatory Meeting on GGIM, was deemed necessary by the participants of the Second Preparatory Meeting on GGIM (New York, May 2010).

The meeting will review the global challenges in issues related to GGIM as well as the inter-governmental processes and support from member states.

Member states and international organizations are welcome to suggest additional critical issues on geospatial information management.

3. Update on Preparatory Activities

The meeting will have before it a background document compiled by UNSD that provides an overview on the GGIM website and the special emblem reflecting the GGIM initiative. A second document, compiled by UNSD, summarizes the feedback on GGIM from various international fora. Three additional papers update the status of progress from Global Map project, prepared by ISCGM, and UN Map project, prepared by UNCS, and SALB project, prepared by UNSD and UNCS.

Member states and international organizations present at the meeting may make brief report on their own initiatives.

4. High level forum on GGIM

The meeting will have before it, for review and discussion, the provisional agenda for the first high level forum on GGIM, prepared by UNSD and UNCS. The meeting will further review the broad preparatory activities for the forum.

5. Expected outcomes

The meeting will agree on the report to be submitted to ECOSOC, the preparatory activities, including the provisional agenda, for the first high level forum on GGIM, to be held on 24-26 October 2011 in Seoul, Korea, and on the future steps to be taken in the implementation of the GGIM initiative.