

At its fifth session in August 2015 the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM agreed that there is an urgent need for a set of global fundamental geospatial data themes that can be harmonized in order to enable the measurement, monitoring and management of sustainable development in a consistent way over time and to facilitate evidence-based decision-making and policymaking.

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By attending you will learn about the terms of reference and scope of the work of the Working Group and its future work programme. It is the intention of the Working Group to draw on existing work in this field, so other initiatives around the world will be presented. You will then have the opportunity to contribute to the early description of what we mean by 'fundamental' and what the global themes will be.