



4th Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM SIDE EVENT

Global Geodetic Reference Frame Workshop

Wednesday, 6 August 2014, 8:30 am - 10:00 am
UN Headquarters, New York, Conf. Room B

Objectives

Member States and observers will be briefed on the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) and given an overview of the activities of the GGRF Working Group that was established following the 3rd Session of the Committee of Experts. Whilst providing an overview, the intent of the session is also to answer questions and facilitate discussion on the value and implementation issues of the Global Geodetic Reference Frame.

The documents being presented build on the content already provided in the geodetic papers submitted to the Committee in previous sessions. The background documents provided for this session of the Committee of Experts should also be read in conjunction with these papers.

Workshop Outline

The workshop will be chaired by Mr. Gary Johnston of Australia and will include presentations from 4 Member States involved in the Working Group.

1. Introduction – Mr. Gary Johnston, Australia
2. GGRF Benefits for a Nation – Mr. Milton Saunders, Jamaica
3. GGRF Implementation and Roadmap – Mr. Zuheir Altamimi, France
4. Summary and Way Forward - Mr Per Erik Opseth, Norway

If there are any particular questions that you would like us to prepare for the session please feel free to contact the chair or any of the presenters to discuss.

“This is an open workshop and all Session Attendees are invited”



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Presentations to be Discussed

At the workshop the following presentations will be discussed:

1. *Introduction – Mr. Gary Johnston, Australia*

This presentation will introduce the need for a Global Geodetic Reference Frame, including an overview of the UN questionnaire completed in 2013.

2. *The Global Geodetic Reference Frame: Benefits for a Nation – Mr. Milton Saunders, Jamaica*

This presentation will detail the benefits of a Global Geodetic Reference Frame from a national perspective. It will specifically cover some of the issues experienced by Small Island Nations.

3. *The Global Geodetic Reference Frame: Implementation and Roadmap – Mr. Zuheir Altamimi, France*

This presentation will provide more detail on how the GGRF is currently developed, and highlight some of the technical, financial and policy issues that currently inhibit effective enhancement of the GGRF.

4. *Summary and Way Forward – Mr. Per Erik Opseth, Norway*

This presentation will provide a summary and open discussion on the way forward towards a UN General Assembly Resolution and the subsequent development of a Roadmap for the enhancement of the GGRF. It will also open discussion on the Frequently Asked Questions document.

Organizers

The workshop is being coordinated by the UN-GGIM Secretariat and the Global Geodetic Reference Frame Working Group, in association with the International Association of Geodesy (IAG).

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