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# Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

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# WELCOME

The **UN-GGIM Secretariat** welcomes you to New York, the United Nations and the **Fourth Session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management**.

This series of slides is intended to introduce delegates and observers who are attending the **United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)** Session for the first time, to the formal procedures of the Committee of Experts. It is hoped that it will assist you to make the week one that is very productive and rewarding.



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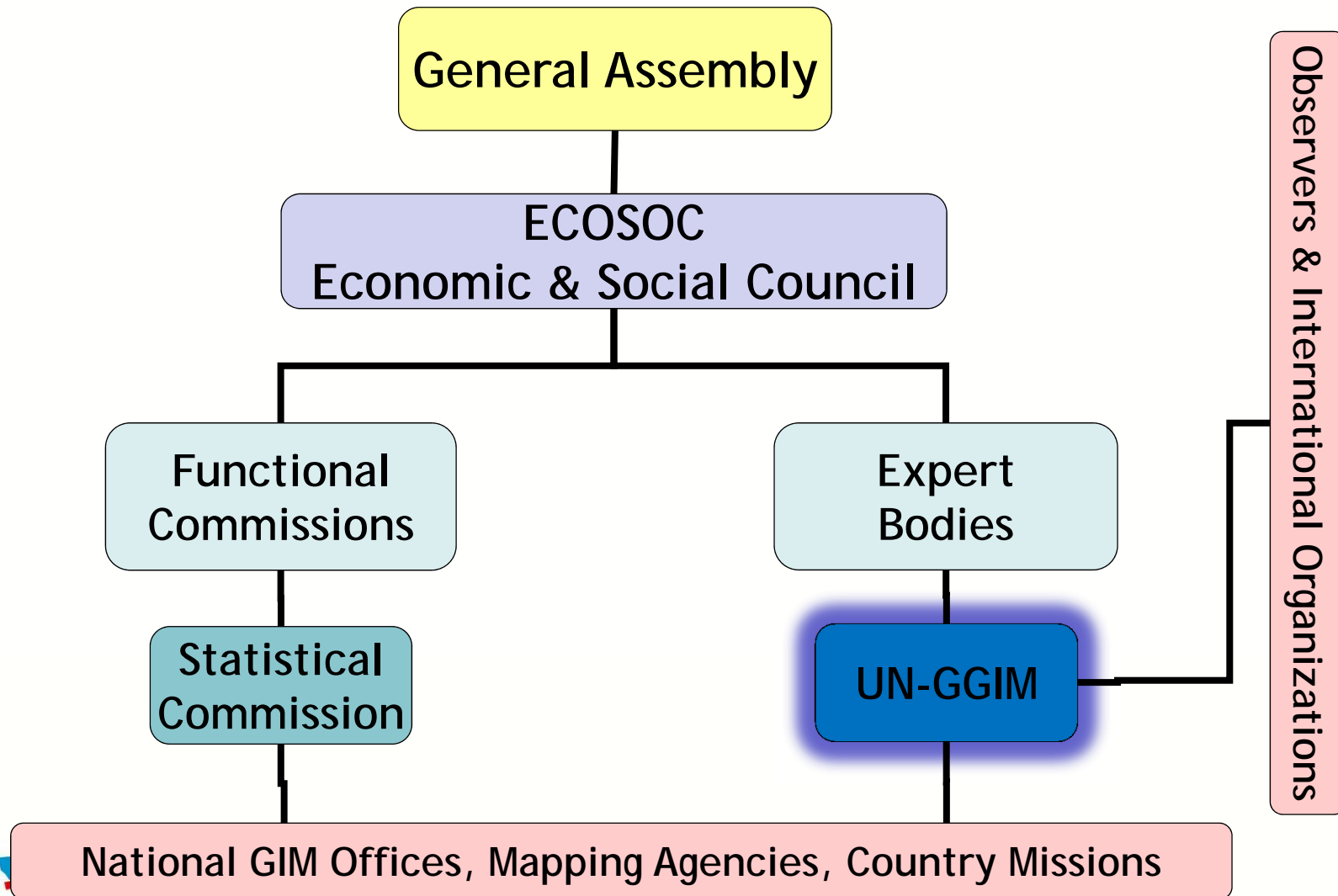


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# UN-GGIM: An Inter-Governmental Body





# OVERVIEW OF UN-GGIM

## Formal inter-governmental UN Committee of Experts to:

- Discuss, enhance and coordinate GGIM activities by involving Member States at the highest level.
- Reports directly to ECOSOC
- Make joint decisions and set directions on the use of geospatial information
- Work with Governments to improve policy, institutional arrangements, and legal frameworks
- Address global issues and contribute collective knowledge as a community with shared interests and concerns
- Develop effective strategies to build geospatial capacity in developing countries



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# UN-GGIM Committee of Experts - Regional Bodies

UN-GGIM Asia-Pacific	UN-GGIM Africa	UN-GGIM Arab States	UN-GGIM Americas	UN-GGIM Europe
China Rep. of Korea Japan	South Africa UN ECA	Member States to be elected	Mexico Chile Mexico	Member States to be elected
WG 1 Geodetic Reference Frame for SD	CODIST-Geo	To be determined	Working Groups & Region Vocals	European Commission + Eurostat
WG 2 Data Sharing & Integration for Disaster Mmnt.	AFREF African Reference Frame	UN-GGIM Arab States placed on UN ESCWA Commission Agenda for 2014. First meeting in Jordan convened February 2014.	PAIGH Pan Amer. Inst. of Geography and History	Euro Geographics
WG 3 Place-Based Information for Economic Growth	UN ECA: Geoinfo merged with Statistics. 3/2013 CODIST meeting recommended CODIST-Geo become UN-GGIM Africa. Yet to be ratified.		SIRGAS Geocentric Reference System for Americas	European Environment Agency
			GeoSUR Geo. Network for Latin America & Caribbean	WG1: France WG2: Sweden WG3: Italy



# RULES OF PROCEDURE

<http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/3rd%20UNCE/E-C20-2013-2-Rules%20of%20procedure.pdf>

## MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION

- The Committee of Experts comprises experts from all Member States. Each Member State is represented by a head of delegation and such other accredited or alternate representatives, experts and advisers as may be required. The head of delegation is the full member of the Committee with voting rights; other accredited or alternate representatives, experts and advisers may participate, without the right to vote, in the discussions. **(Rules 2,3)**

## OFFICERS

- The Committee shall elect co-Chairs and a Rapporteur during each session from among its members, and will constitute the Bureau of the Committee. The co-Chairs shall act as President. **(Rules 7,9)**
- The Executive Secretary of the Session is appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. **(Rule 8)**



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# RULES OF PROCEDURE

## CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- In the course of discussions, the Chair may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Session, declare the list, order of interventions, and when it is closed. No one may address the Session without having previously obtained the permission of the Chair. Debate shall be confined to the questions and issues before the Session. **(Rules 17,19,20,21)**
- The Session may limit the time allowed to speakers and the number of items the representative of each Member State may speak. The Chair may limit interventions on procedural questions to five minutes, will call a speaker to order if they exceed the allotted time.
- Proposals and amendments shall normally be introduced in writing and submitted to the Secretariat of the Session, who shall circulate copies to the delegations. In general, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. **(Rule 22)**
- A proposal, amendment or motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that it has not been amended. **(Rule 23)**



# RULES OF PROCEDURE

## VOTING

- Representatives of a majority of the Member States participating in the Session constitute a quorum. **(Rule 13)**
- Each Member State participating in the Session shall have one vote, and the decisions shall be made by a majority of the representatives present and voting. “Representatives present and voting” means casting an affirmative or negative vote. Those who abstain from voting shall be considered not voting. After the President has announced commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the vote. **(Rules 25,26,28)**
- All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by the Session. **(Rule 32)**
- If a vote is equally divided, a second vote shall be taken after and adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes. If this vote is also equally divided, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected. **(Rule 34)**



# THE NEW YORK RESOURCE GUIDE

The information helps to prepare you for your trip to and during your stay in New York.

It covers:

1. Meeting arrangements
2. Identification Badges and Grounds Passes
3. Secretariat Contact Information
4. Working Languages of the meeting
5. General Information
  - Immigration requirements
  - Money
  - Hotels – Address and Telephone Numbers
  - Guide to Neighborhood Restaurants
  - Airports
  - Transportation – Airport and local
  - Postal Services
  - Time and Weather



## INFORMATION NOTE

**FOURTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL  
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**NEW YORK**

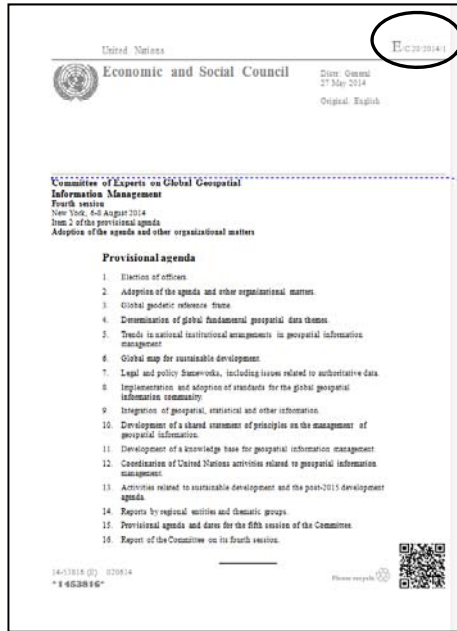


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# MEETING DOCUMENTS



## Provisional Agenda

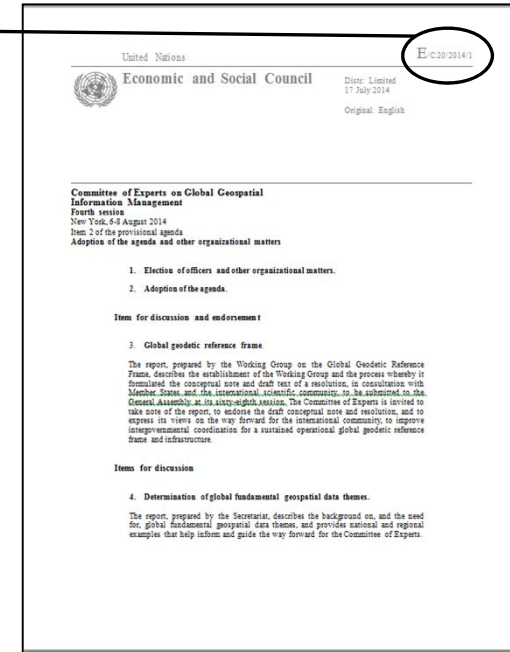
List of all items to be addressed during the session per item number

Symbol Number  
e.g. E/C.20/2014/1

Daytime	Agenda item and data reference	Proposed time to be given to each item (minutes)
<b>Wednesday 6 August</b>		
Morning (08:30-13:00)	Item 1: Election of officers and other organizational matters <i>For discussion and endorsement</i> Rules of procedure (E/C.20/2014/2)	80
	Item 2: Adoption of the agenda <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations (E/C.20/2014/3) <i>Note by the Secretary on the organization of the work of the session (E/C.20/2014/L.1)</i>	
	Item 3: Global geospatial reference frame <i>For discussion and endorsement</i> Report of the Working Group on the Global Geospatial Reference Frame Working Group on the global geospatial reference frame (E/C.20/2014/P.Add.1)	70
Afternoon (15:00-18:00)	Item 13: Activities related to sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda <i>For discussion</i> Report of the Secretary on activities related to sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda (E/C.20/2014/L.1 Add.1)	60
	Item 6: Global map for sustainable development	60

## Organization of work

Detailed daily list of items, per meeting, for discussion, endorsement or information



## Annotated Agenda

Similar to provisional agenda but with brief summary explaining each item.



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# Provisional Agenda, Annotated Agenda and Organization of Work

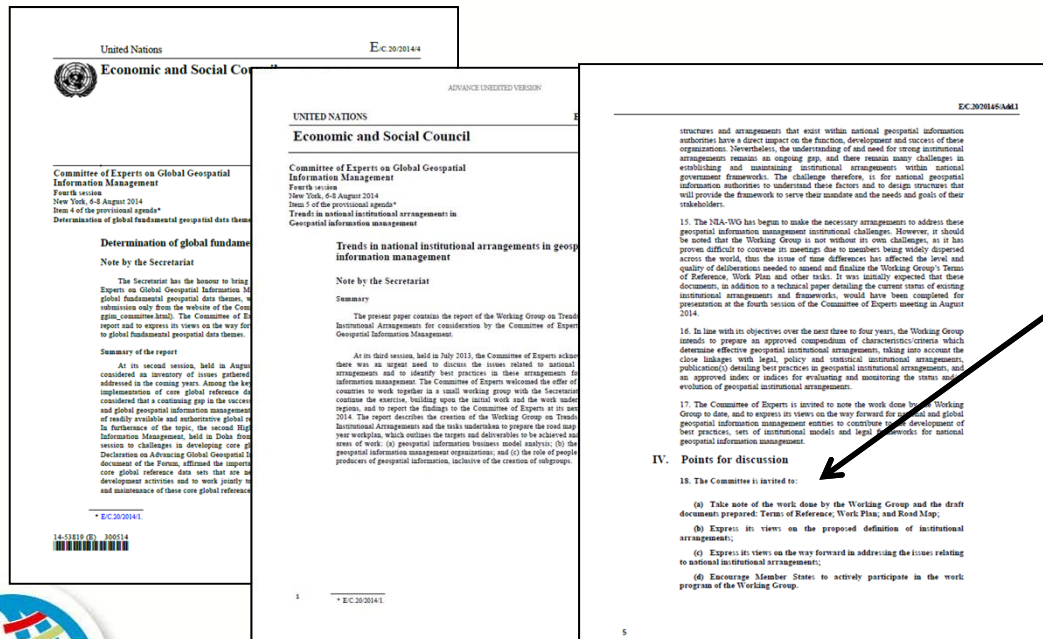
- **Reference to the Provisional Agenda** [http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/E-C20-2014-1%20Provisional%20agenda\\_en.pdf](http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/E-C20-2014-1%20Provisional%20agenda_en.pdf)
- **Reference to the Annotated Agenda** <http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/E-C20-2014-1%20Provisional%20Annotated%20agenda%20Edited.pdf>
- **Reference to the Organization of work** [http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/E-C-20-2014-L1\\_Organization%20of%20work%20Edited%20.pdf](http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/E-C-20-2014-L1_Organization%20of%20work%20Edited%20.pdf)
- **Dates and Times of the Session of the Committee of Experts:**
  - Wednesday 6 August: 10:30 - 13:00, 15:00 – 18:00 (note 10:30 start time – to facilitate pass collection)
  - Thursday 7 August: 10:00 - 13:00, 15:00 – 18:00
  - Friday 8 August: 10:00 - 13:00, 15:00 – 18:00
- **Organization of the work of the session:**
  - 16 items (2 administrative items, 1 item for endorsement and discussion, 12 items for discussion, 1 item for information)





# REPORTS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Reports and Background Papers are prepared by the Secretariat and working groups. They are available under the heading **MEETING DOUCMENTS** at [http://ggim.un.org/ggim\\_committee.html](http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). Each document as listed, has a document number/symbol, a title and a summary. All Summaries for are available in the six languages used in the United Nations. Reports and background documents are only available in English.



Participants are encouraged to read all documents and note the **Points for Discussion** found in the last section of the reports.



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# SIDE EVENTS

It is important that you monitor the **Table of Side Events** as it is the schedule of formal and informal events occurring during the session – **learning centers, workshops, regional meetings and working group meetings.**

Identify the ones you wish to attend and note the times and venues, they may change.

The Schedule is available at:

[:http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/Table%20of%20side%20events%2018%20July.pdf](http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM4/Table%20of%20side%20events%2018%20July.pdf)



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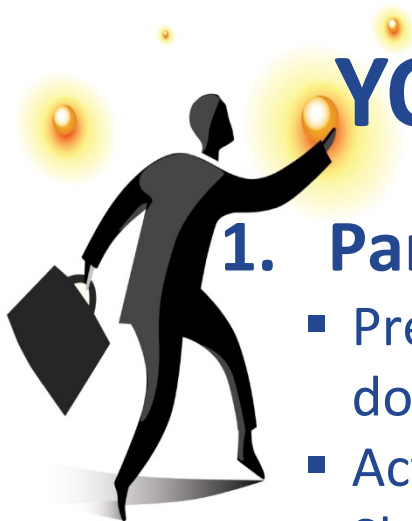
TIME	Mon., 4 Aug.	Tue., 5 Aug.	Wed., 6 Aug.	Thurs., 7 Aug.	Fri., 8 Aug.	
8:00						
9:00	<b>Day 1</b> <b>Global Forum on Integration of Geospatial-Statistics</b> 9:00-18:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room 2	<b>Day 2</b> <b>Global Forum on Integration of Geospatial-Statistics</b> 9:00-18:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room 2	<b>Global Geodetic Reference Frame</b> 8:30-10:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room E	<b>WG on Institutional Arrangements</b> 8:30-9:30am <i>(open)</i> DIC-1634	<b>Caribbean meeting</b> 8:30-9:30am <i>(closed)</i> DIC-1634	
10:00					<b>4th session of UN Committee of Experts on GGIM</b> Day 2 10:00-12:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room 2	<b>4th session of UN Committee of Experts on GGIM</b> Day 3 10:00-12:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room 2
11:00				<b>4th session of UN Committee of Experts on GGIM</b> Day 1 Opening Session 10:30-13:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room 2		
12:00						
13:00		<b>ISCGM Meeting</b> 9:30-18:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room C	<b>UN-GGIM Arab States Committee Meeting</b> 13:00-15:00 <i>(closed)</i> Conf. Room B	<b>UNEGN</b> 13:00-14:00 (open) S-152,3FC	<b>UN-GGIM Americas Committee Meeting</b> 13:00-15:00 <i>(closed)</i> Conf. Room B	
14:00		<b>Standards</b> 14:00-15:45 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room B			<b>African Group Meeting</b> 13:00-15:00 <i>(closed)</i> S-152,3FC	
15:00			<b>4th session of UN Committee of Experts on GGIM</b> Day 1 Afternoon Session 15:00-18:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room 2		<b>UN-GGIM AP Informal Consultation</b> 13:00-15:00 <i>(closed)</i> Conf. Room B	
16:00		<b>Legal &amp; Policy</b> 16:00-17:45 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room B		<b>4th session of UN Committee of Experts on GGIM</b> Day 2 Afternoon Session 15:00-18:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room 2	<b>4th session of UN Committee of Experts on GGIM</b> Day 3 Afternoon Session 15:00-18:00 <i>(open)</i> Conf. Room 2	
17:00	<b>Annual Meeting of JB-GIS</b> 17:00-20:30 <i>(closed)</i> DIC-1634					
18:00	<b>Global Geodetic Ref. Frame WG mtg</b> 18:00-19:00 (closed) Conf. Room E	<b>UN-GGIM Europe</b> 18:00-19:30 <i>(closed)</i> Conf. Room B	<b>UN-GGIM Welcome Reception</b> 18:00-21:00 TEL	<b>WG on Shared Principles</b> 18:15-18:45 (open) Conf. Room E	<b>WG on GM4SD</b> 18:15-19:00 DIC-1625 <i>(open)</i>	
19:00						



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# YOUR ROLE in the 4<sup>th</sup> Session

## 1. Participants are encouraged to:

- Prepare for the sessions by reading the reports and background documents and preparing discussion points
- Actively contribute to the session
- Share your experiences, ideas and solutions
- Be short and concise in your interventions
- **Tweet at #UNGGIM**

## 1. Why it is important to actively participate:

- Ideal forum for networking
- Recharge technically and reconnect with experts
- Let your country's achievements and requirements be known
- Contribute to advancing the GGIM agenda





