



## The Sixth Session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

### **SIDE EVENT** **Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes**

Tuesday, August 2, 2016  
9:00 am – 10:45 am  
Venue: Conference Room 12 (CR 12), GA Building  
United Nations, New York

#### **BACKGROUND**

At its fifth session, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 5/103, in which it agreed that there was an urgent need for a set of global fundamental geospatial data themes that could 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. The Committee of Experts supported the initiative proposed by UN-GGIM: Europe to establish and lead a working group to liaise with the other four regional committees in order to bring together information on the consideration of fundamental geospatial data themes and to lead discussions between interested Member States and observers, with a view to developing an agreed minimum set of global fundamental geospatial data themes.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

This side event will review the context for the Working Group, its Terms of Reference, Work Plan and progress to date. The meeting will then be presented with the current thinking of the Work Group on fundamental data themes. There will be discussion with the aim of coming to a consensus on the themes to be included. The meeting will conclude by considering next steps.

Moderator: Mr. Bengt Kjellson, Chair, UN-GGIM: Europe, Sweden  
Assisted by: Ms Clare Hadley, Chair, Working Group on Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes, United Kingdom  
Ms Carol Agius, Secretariat, UN-GGIM: Europe, Malta

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## PROPOSED AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and Introduction (5 min)  
Mr. Bengt Kjellson, Chair UN-GGIM: Europe, Sweden
- 2) Presentations: (40 min)
  - a) *Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes*  
– *why they are important*  
Mr. Greg Scott, UN-GGIM Secretariat
  - b) *The Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes Work Group*  
– *background and progress to date*  
Ms Carol Agius, UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat
  - c) *Current view on fundamental themes drawn from work to date*  
Ms Clare Hadley, Chair of WG Fundamental Data
- 3) Open Discussion and Break Out Session (35 min)  
*Moderated and interactive discussion with participants and presenters*
- 4) Conclusions, Consensus and Next Steps (20min)  
*Summaries from groups and collation of views*
- 5) Closing Remarks: (5min)  
Mr. Bengt Kjellson, Chair UN-GGIM: Europe, Sweden

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