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UN-GGIM: Africa Activities Report to the UN-GGIM Extended Bureau Meeting

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UN-GGIM: Africa Second Meeting

- **Place: Grand-Bassam, Cote d'Ivoire, on the sidelines of 5th StatCom Africa Meetings**

- **Dates: 28 – 02 December 201625**

- **Participants from 11 Member States, AUC, UNECA, UN-GGIM Secretariat, Regional & International entities**

- **Agenda**

  - Integration of Statistics & Geospatial Information;

  - Progress Review & Endorse the UN-GGIM: Africa Action Plan;
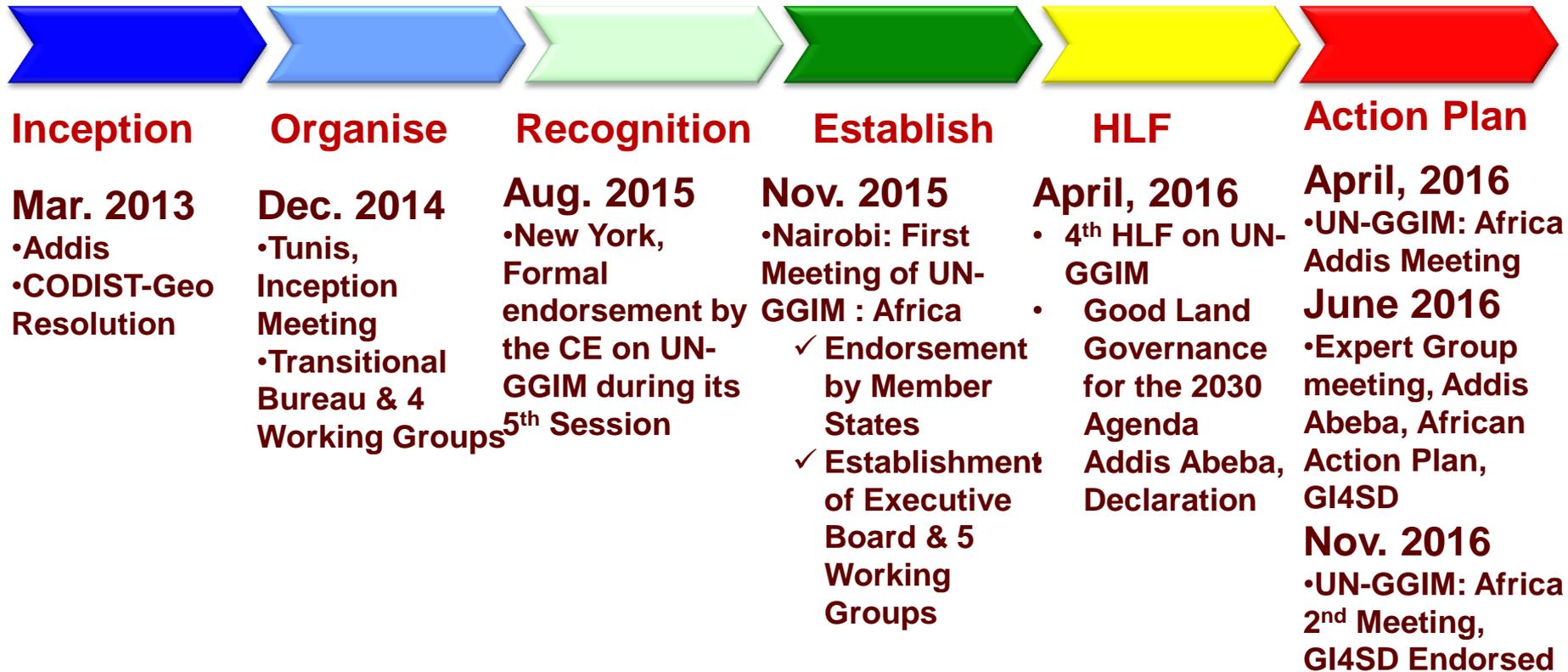
  - Report on Working Group Activities;

The Journey So Far…

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☑ **The UN-GGIM: Africa Process**

Inception	Organise	Recognition	Establish	HLF	Action Plan
Mar. 2013 •Addis •CODIST-Geo Resolution	**Dec. 2014** •Tunis, Inception Meeting •Transitional Bureau & 4 Working Groups	**Aug. 2015** •New York, Formal endorsement by the CE on UN-GGIM during its 5th Session	**Nov. 2015** •Nairobi: First Meeting of UN-GGIM : Africa ✓ Endorsement by Member States ✓ Establishment of Executive Board & 5 Working Groups	**April, 2016** • 4th HLF on UN-GGIM • Good Land Governance for the 2030 Agenda Addis Abeba, Declaration	**April, 2016** •UN-GGIM: Africa Addis Meeting **June 2016** •Expert Group meeting, Addis Abeba, African Action Plan, GI4SD **Nov. 2016** •UN-GGIM: Africa 2nd Meeting, GI4SD Endorsed

Key Outcomes of UN-GGIM: Africa 1ˢᵗ Meeting

1. The formal endorsement by Member States of the establishment of the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa);

2. The adoption of UN-GGIM: Africa statutes, rules of procedure and organizational structure;

3. The election of the Executive Board to steer the Regional Committee for the next three years;

4. The establishment of the Executive Working Groups that will carry out the work programme for the next three years.

5. The identification of the building blocks for the development of the Action Plan and providing perspectives on the essential activities to be carried out.

Governance & Structure

- **Executive Board**
  - **Chair: Ethiopia**
  - **1st Vice-Chair: Burkina Faso**
  - **2nd Vice-Chair: South Africa**
  - **1st Rapporteur: Morocco**
  - **2nd Rapporteur: Cameroon**
  - **Secretariat: Economic Commission for Africa**

Governance & Administrative Arrangement

Working Group	Chair	Members	Non Voting Members
WG1: African Geodetic Reference Frame	Kenya	Nigeria Morocco Botswana Gabon	RECTAS RCMRD UNECA
WG2: Fundamental Geo spatial datasets and Standards	South Africa	Cameroon Burundi Burkina Faso North Africa [TBD]	Niger UNECA
WG3: Institutional arrangements and Legal frameworks	Nigeria	Algeria [TBC] Madagascar Ethiopia Central Africa [TBD]	UNECA
WG4: Capacity and capability development	Morocco	Kenya Zimbabwe Côte d'Ivoire Central Africa [TBD]	South Africa RECTAS RCMRD AARSE UNECA
WG5: Integration of Geospatial and Statistical Information for Sectoral Applications	Namibia	South Sudan Liberia Cameroon Morocco	Zambia Gabon UNECA

Background and Key Dates of the Action Plan Development

❑August 2011:

African GGIM Preparatory meeting – Adoption of the Addis-Ababa Declaration "urging Member States, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Union Commission (AUC) to finalize and implement an **African Action Plan on Geospatial Information Management in meeting Africa's needs**."

Background and Key Dates of the Action Plan Development

❑**November 2015**:

➢First UN-GGIM: Africa Meeting in Nairobi – A draft road map towards the establishment of a UN-GGIM: Africa Action Plan discussed.

➢5 Building blocks identified for the Action plan:
✓Governance and Policy
✓Common Framework and Tools
✓Capacity Building
✓International Coordination and Cooperation
✓Integration of Geospatial Information and Statistics

Background and Key Dates of the Action Plan Development

❑**November 2015**:

➢First UN-GGIM: Africa Meeting in Nairobi – further recommended **to ensure it is linked to thematic areas of importance for the region such as land management and land policy.**

➢**Team** composed of members from South Africa (Lead), Morocco, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, GIS-Africa, AARSE established to review the initial draft.

Background and Key Dates of the Action Plan Development

❑**June 2016:**

➤UN-GGIM: Africa Expert Group Meeting in Addis Abeba – The initial draft consolidated by an outside consultant (André Bassolé) was reviewed, discussed.

➤Based on the inputs given during the EG Meeting, the draft action plan, **Geospatial Information for Sustainable Development (GI4SD)** in Africa, was finalised in August 2016 ready for discussion and adoption during the Second Meeting of UN-GGIM: Africa Meeting.

Overview of the Action Plan - GI4SD

❑ Vision & Mission

GI4SD Vision for Africa:

"Advancing Africa's Sustainable Development Agenda through sound Geospatial Information".

GI4SD Mission Statement for Africa:

"Africa produces, and uses authoritative and timely geospatial Information for the attainment of the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and AU Vision 2063".

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❑ **GI4SD in Africa focuses on five keys areas, namely:**

- Geospatial Information Policy and Governance;

- Common Framework and Tools;

- Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer;

- International Coordination and Cooperation in Meeting Global Needs; and

- Integration of Geospatial Information and Statistics.

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❑ **Meeting Outcomes – Resolutions**

1. **Recommendations for the endorsement of the regional committee on UN-GGIM: Africa**

   Recommend that the African Conference of Ministers responsible for Finance, Economic and Social Development and Planning, endorses the establishment of Regional Committee of the United Nations Geospatial Information Management for Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa), as an overarching governance framework in the field of geospatial information management, science and technology, in order to ensure that UN-GGIM: Africa is able to mould policy and strategic actions, suited to African issues and ensure that national bodies are capable of addressing their unique concerns.

❑ **Meeting Outcomes – Resolutions**

2. Recommendation on the integration of geospatial information and statistical information in Africa

Call upon National Statistics Offices (NSOs) and National Mapping Agencies (NMAs) to encourage the integration of geospatial and statistical information and the improvement of institutional coordination between the two communities in the context of the African Vision 2063, the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the 2020 Round of Censuses.

❑ **Meeting Outcomes – Resolutions**

3. Recommendation on the engagement with UNECA & AUC

Requests the ECA and the AUC to work collaboratively in the furtherance of advocating the importance of geospatial information in the achievement of the sustainable development objectives at national, regional and international levels among member States, NGOs, academia, private sector and other stakeholders.

❑ **Meeting Outcomes – Resolutions**

4. Resolution on the African Action Plan on Geospatial Information Management (AAP-GGIM/GI4SD)

Resolves to adopt the African Action Plan on Geospatial Information Management – Geospatial Information for Sustainable Development in Africa (GI4SD), with the focus on four key areas, namely, Geospatial Information Policy and Governance; Common Framework and Tools; Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer; and, International Coordination and Cooperation in Meeting Global Needs. In addition, there is a specific action area on Integration of Geospatial Information and Statistics.
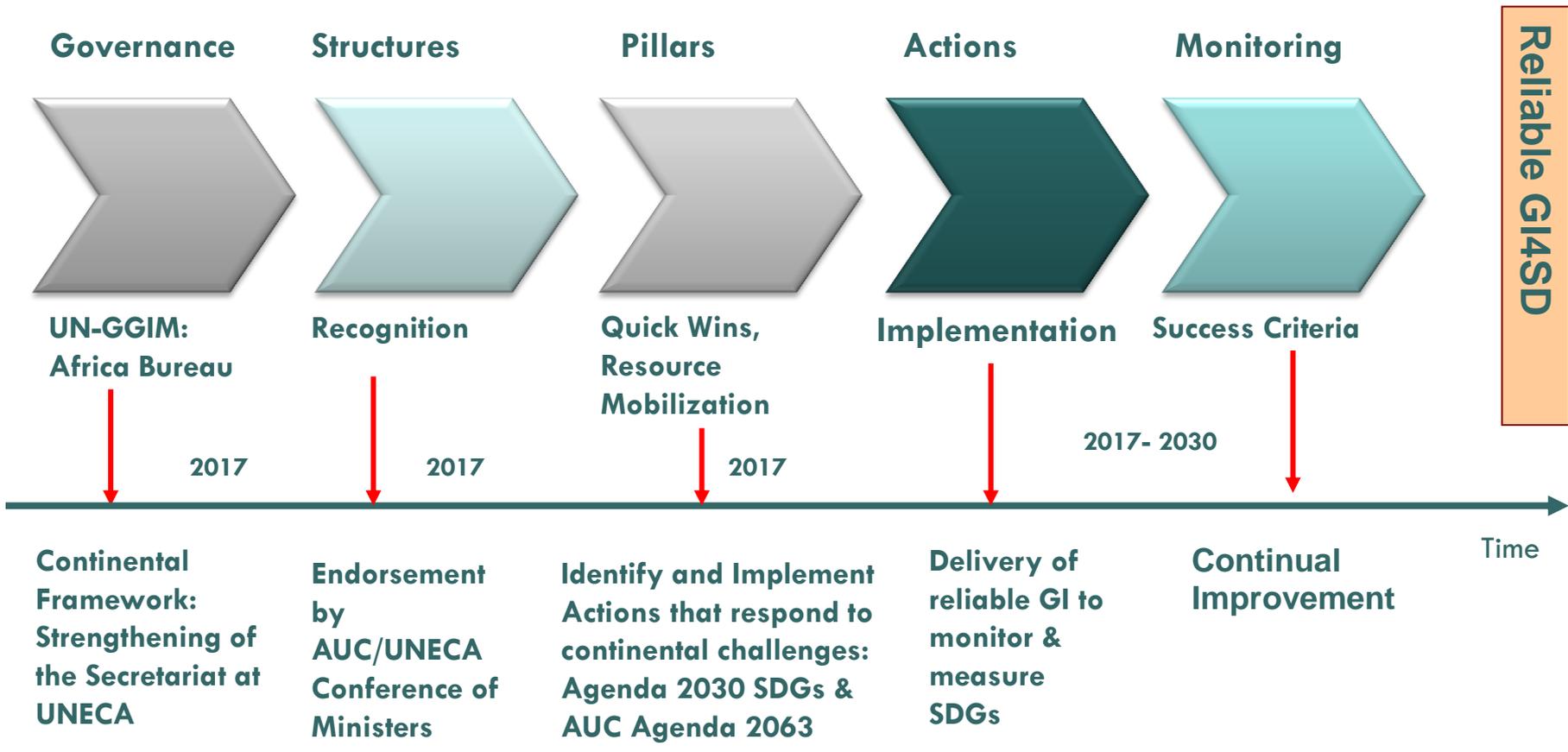
Requests ECA and AUC to formulate an African Geospatial Information Policy as a framework policy for formulating national policies for geospatial information.

Challenges

▫ The establishment of effective national leadership and the institutional arrangements for operationalizing an integrated and coherent approach to UN-GGIM: Africa activities implementation at national level.

▫ Member States capabilities to undertake reforms that increasingly ensure operational effectiveness to support timely delivery of geospatial data, products and services for national planning and decision-making.

▫ Mobilisation of resources needed for the Executive Board and Working Groups to effectively discharge their duties in overseeing the implementation of the Action Plan.

Thank You!