

# United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM):

## UN-GGIM-4 decision 4/111

*Riyadh, 24-25 February 2015*

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4/111	<b>Reports by regional entities and thematic groups</b>
4/112	Coordination of United Nations activities related to geospatial information management.

# UN-GGIM-4 Decision 4/111

## 4/111 Reports by regional entities and thematic groups

The Committee of Experts:

- (a) Took note of the reports by regional entities and thematic groups on their initiatives, and expressed its appreciation for their valuable contributions and achievements in support of the Committee's activities and objectives;
- (b) Welcomed in particular the broad range of activities of the Regional Committees of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific and for the Americas and their efforts to reach out to all countries within their respective regions;
- (c) Congratulated the group of European countries for their extensive work to define modalities of cooperation and formulate a common work programme, endorsed the establishment of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Europe, welcomed the announcement to hold the first plenary meeting of the Regional Committee in the Republic of Moldova in October 2014, and invited the Regional Committee to report regularly to the Committee of Experts;
- (d) Congratulated the group of Arab States for their preparatory work towards a common work programme, endorsed the establishment of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Arab States, noting the transitional committee will continue to function in the foreseeable future, welcomed the announcement to hold the first meeting in early 2015, and invited the Regional Committee to report regularly to the Committee of Experts;
- (e) **Noted the progress being made towards establishing a regional committee on geospatial information management for Africa, and welcomed the announcement of a preparatory meeting to be convened in November 2014;**
- (f) Expressed its appreciation to the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies and other international geospatial organizations for their contributions to advancing the global geospatial information management initiatives, and endorsed the International Map Year 2015-2016, as proposed by the International Cartographic Association, as a valuable means of promoting the importance of maps and geospatial information globally.



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# A Regional/Global Architecture for UN-GGIM

- Regional Committee of UN-GGIM for Asia-Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP, formerly PCGIAP) (November 2012)
- Permanent Committee on Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Americas (PC-IDEA) - UN-GGIM for the Americas (New York, August 2013)
- UN-GGIM for Europe (August 2014 )
- UN-GGIM for Arab States (August 2014)
- Committee on Development Information, Science & Technology Subcommittee on Geo-information (CODIST-Geo), UNECA - UN-GGIM for Africa (August 2015 ?)



# Example of Working Groups

- **Asia-Pacific**

- WG 1: Geodetic Reference Framework for Sustainable Development
- WG 2: Data Sharing and Integration for Disaster Management
- WG 3: Place-Based Information Management for Economic Growth

- **Americas**

- WG1: Geospatial data collection and management
- WG2: Access and use of geospatial information in disaster risk reduction and climate change
- WG3: Promotion and evaluation of Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI).
- WG4: Standards and technical specifications
- WG5: Regional coordination and cooperation

- **Europe**

- Work Group A: Core Data.
- Work Group B: Data Integration



# UN-GGIM Committee of Experts

UN-GGIM  
Asia-Pacific  
(2012)

China  
Rep. of Korea  
Japan

WG 1  
Geodetic  
Reference Frame  
for SD

WG 2  
Data Sharing &  
Integration for  
Disaster Mmnt.

WG 3  
Place-Based  
Information for  
Economic Growth

UN-GGIM  
Africa

South Africa  
UN ECA

CODIST-Geo

AFREF  
African Reference  
Frame

UN ECA: Geoinfo merged with Statistics. 3/2013 CODIST meeting recommended CODIST-Geo become UN-GGIM Africa. Yet to be ratified.

UN-GGIM  
Arab States  
(2014)

Member States  
to be elected in  
Feb. 2015

To be  
determined

UN-GGIM Arab States placed under the auspices of UN ESCWA Commission.

Formally established in August 2014. Inaugural Meeting to be held in Riyadh in Feb. 2015

UN-GGIM  
Americas  
(2013)

Mexico  
Chile  
Mexico

Working  
Groups &  
Region Vocals

PAIGH  
Pan Amer. Inst. of  
Geography and  
History

SIRGAS  
Geocentric  
Reference System  
for Americas

GeoSUR  
Geo. Network for  
Latin America &  
Caribbean

UN-GGIM  
Europe  
(2014)

Sweden  
Netherlands/  
Spain

European  
Commission  
+ Eurostat

Euro  
Geographics

European  
Environment  
Agency

WG1: France  
WG2:  
Germany





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 #UNGGIM #Arab States meeting starting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia 24-25 February: [ggim.un.org/1st\\_Mtg\\_UN\\_GGI...](http://ggim.un.org/1st_Mtg_UN_GGI...)  
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India uses geo-informatics for rural road development

State	Population	Area	Population Density
Andhra Pradesh	871	160,147	5.4
Assam	25,700,000	78,438	327.8
Bihar	101,400,000	94,163	1,077.0
Chhattisgarh	22,800,000	131,477	173.4
Goa	14,600,000	14,129	1,033.0
Gujarat	60,600,000	191,347	317.0
Haryana	60,600,000	34,227	1,770.0
Himachal Pradesh	6,200,000	55,612	111.5
Jharkhand	32,900,000	79,714	412.8
Karnataka	54,300,000	191,747	283.2
Kerala	33,300,000	38,863	857.0
Madhya Pradesh	206,000,000	303,147	679.5
Madagascar	17,700,000	592,803	29.9
Malawi	16,700,000	118,484	141.0
Mali	15,100,000	1,240,192	12.2
Mauritius	1,200,000	2,040	588.0
Mexico	112,300,000	1,972,550	57.0
Moldova	4,100,000	33,846	121.2
Mongolia	2,600,000	1,564,116	1.7
Mozambique	20,700,000	803,390	25.8
Niger	16,700,000	1,267,000	13.2
Nigeria	147,900,000	923,769	160.1
Romania	21,500,000	238,391	90.2
Russia	142,900,000	17,098,242	8.4
Saudi Arabia	24,700,000	2,149,690	11.5
Senegal	12,400,000	766,833	16.2
Sri Lanka	20,800,000	65,610	317.0
Tanzania	44,300,000	945,000	46.9
Togo	6,600,000	569,700	11.6
Tunisia	10,600,000	163,267	64.9
Uganda	28,700,000	241,040	119.1
Uzbekistan	23,800,000	447,400	53.2
Vietnam	77,100,000	331,212	232.8
Yemen	21,700,000	527,970	41.1
Zambia	9,600,000	752,614	12.8
Zimbabwe	11,700,000	390,757	29.9

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE INTEGRATION OF STATISTICAL AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION, AMMAN, JORDAN, 16-19 FEBRUARY 2015

The United Nations Statistics Division is organizing, in collaboration with the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS), a Regional Workshop on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information. to be held in Amman. from 16 to

GEOSPATIAL INITIATIVES

GGRF  
Global Geodetic Reference Frame

UNEGN  
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

UNRCC  
United Nations Regional Cartographic Information Centre

UN-GGIM Knowledge Base

Country reports

UPCOMING EVENTS

16 - 19 February 2015  
Workshop on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information with AITRS



**NEWS**

**UN-GGIM-AP Convenes Third Plenary Meeting**  
(10-12 November, 2014, Bali, Indonesia)  
The Third UN-GGIM-AP Plenary Meeting was convened from 10-12, November, in Bali, Indonesia. [Summary](#) | [Resolution](#)

**UN-GGIM: Americas Convenes First Session**  
(24-25 September, 2014, Mexico City, Mexico)  
The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas) under the leadership of Rolando Ocampo, [more...](#)

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Expert committee to outline the future trends in digital mapping  
22 July 2013

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19 February 2015. [more...](#)

**FIRST MEETING OF THE UN-GGIM ARAB STATES**

The first formal meeting of the UN-GGIM Arab States will take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 24-25 February 2015. The meeting is organized by the United Nations Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), in collaboration with the General Commission for Survey of Saudi Arabia. [more...](#)

**THIRD HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON UN GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, BEIJING, CHINA, 22-24 OCTOBER 2014**

The Secretariat of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), in collaboration with the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China (NASG), successfully convened the Third High Level Forum. [more...](#)

**FOURTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, 6-8 AUGUST 2014, NEW YORK (2014)**

The Fourth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) was held from 6-8 August 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. [more...](#)

**GLOBAL FORUM ON THE INTEGRATION OF STATISTICAL AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION, 4-5 AUGUST 2014, NEW YORK**

The United Nations Global Forum on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information took place in the UN Headquarters in New York from 4-5 August 2014. The Forum was organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), as the Secretariat of the UN Statistical Commission and the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), and substantively supported by the United Nations Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (UN EG-ISGI). [more...](#)

Amman, Jordan

**24 - 25 February 2015**  
First Meeting of the UN-GGIM Arab States  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**29 April 2015**  
UN-GGIM: Europe and Central Asia Committee Meeting  
Brussels, Belgium

**3-7 August 2015**  
5th Session of UN-GGIM side events  
New York, USA

**5-9 October 2015**  
20th Session of UN-GGIM  
Jeju Island, Republic of Korea

**PAST EVENTS**

**UN-GGIM RESOURCES**

Future Trends in Global Geospatial Information Management to ten year vision





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**Documentation for the meeting**

- [Information Note](#)
- [Visa Application Form](#)
- [Draft Provisional Agenda](#)
- [Background documents: Report of Doha and Amman Meeting, Draft Mission and Functions, Draft Work Programme](#)
- [Report of the Meeting](#)





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