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**Second High Level Forum on GGIM
Seminar on Regional Cooperation in
Geospatial Information Management
Doha, Qatar,
7 February 2013**

AGENDA

THURSDAY, 7 February

- 8.30-9:00** **Registration of participants** – Venue: Courtyard Marriot Hotel
- 9.00-9.30** **Opening Remarks**
 1. Ms. Cecille Blake, Representative United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
 2. Mr. Juraj Riecan, ESCWA Representative
- Introduction of Participants
- Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
- 9.30-10.30** **Session 1**
- International/Regional Coordination in Geospatial Information**
- Chair: Mr. Greg Scott, UNSD**
- Presentations**
1. Overview of GGIM, Ms. Vanessa Lawrence, Co-Chair of UN-GGIM
 2. The Asia-Pacific region mode of operation, Mr. Yoon Jin-hwan, UN-GGIM AP
 3. European cooperation, Mr. Peter ter Haar, UN-GGIM Europe
 4. Example of international cooperation: SALB project
 - a. General overview – Ms. Cecille Blake, UNSD
 - b. Technical matters – Ms. Ayako Kagawa, UN Cartographic Section
- 10.30-10.45** **Coffee Break**
- 10.45-11.45** **Session 2**
- National GGIM/SDI Situation**
- Chair: Ms. Vanessa Lawrence, Co-Chair of UN-GGIM**
- Country Presentations**
1. **Egypt**, Ms. Nahla Seddik, Director of GIS Unit, CAPMAS, GIS Department
 2. **Qatar**, Mr. Mohamed Hamouda, Head, Planning and Projects Division, Centre for GIS
 3. **Tunisia**, Mr. Sahbi El Afi, General Director, National Center of Mapping and Remote sensing
 4. **Bahrain**, Mr. Khalid Al Haidan, Director, GIS Directorate

11.45-13.00 Session 3 (Closed)

Regional Cooperation in the ESCWA Region

Chair: Mr. Juraj Riecan, ESCWA

Open Panel Discussion

1. What are the key issues and challenges in geospatial information for the region?
2. What regional cooperation mechanisms currently exist?
3. What is the way forward for regional cooperation?

Summary and Decisions

Launch of a Regional Mechanism

Closing and Concluding Remarks: UNSD Representative