

**Third High Level Forum on  
UN Global Geospatial Information Management**

*“Sustainable Development with Geospatial Information”*

**Beijing, China  
22-24 October 2014**

# **Information Note**

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

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(NASG)

## **Introduction**

The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), in collaboration with the Government of China, through its National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation (NASG), will be holding the Third High Level Forum on UN Global Geospatial Information Management at NASG's Headquarters in Beijing, China, from 22-24 October 2014.

The Third High Level Forum is being staged in pursuance of the mandate from the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to convene global forums to promote comprehensive dialogue on global geospatial information management with all relevant governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. The event will continue the discussions and consultations from previous High Level Forums, provide follow up on issues from the formal inter-governmental meetings of the Committee of Experts, and provide Member States and geospatial stakeholders with the unique opportunity to share and learn from each other, new ideas, methods and strategies to support local, regional and global sustainable development initiatives.

In 2014, the High Level Forum offers the opportunity for the global geospatial information community to pay particular attention to the critical roles of geospatial information science, technology and innovation, as tools that are able to integrate the 3 pillars (economic, social, environmental) of sustainable development, and as important geographic elements of the post-2015 development agenda. Therefore, the overarching theme of the Third High Level Forum is "Sustainable Development with Geospatial Information".

The High Level Forum will open on Wednesday 22 October, 2014 with an Opening Ceremony and Ministerial Segment, followed by five technical sessions over the next three days. Bringing all stakeholders together, the Third High Level Forum will address the role of geospatial information in the post-2015 development agenda, and current critical sustainable development matters such as: mitigating and managing climate change and disasters; sustainable cities and human settlements; science, technology, and innovation to measure and monitor progress; and working together across borders and regions. Each of the sessions will consist of a keynote presentation, panel presentations and discussion with the audience.

Recognizing the importance of geospatial information in national and global development, Member States are being encouraged to participate in the Third High Level Forum. Additional information will continually be available at <http://ggim.un.org>.

## Program

Date	Time	Activity
<b>October 22 (Wed)</b>	09:00-12:30	<b>Opening Ceremony and Ministerial Segment</b>
	12:30-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-17:00	<b>Session 1 Geospatial Information for the Post-2015 Development Agenda</b>
	18:30-20:30	Welcome Reception
<b>October 23 (Thu)</b>	09:00-12:30	<b>Session 2 Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements</b>
	12:30-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-17:00	<b>Session 3 Climate Change and Disaster Mitigation</b>
	18:30-21:30	Chinese Culture Night
<b>October 24 (Fri)</b>	09:00-12:30	<b>Session 4 Science, Technology, and Innovation to Measure and Monitor Progress</b>
	12:30-14:00	Lunch
	14:00-15:30	<b>Session 5 Working Together Across Borders and Regions</b>
	16:00-17:00	<b>Concluding Session</b>

## Language

The Third High Level Forum on UN Global Geospatial Information Management will be conducted in English, with translation in Chinese.

## Registration

Government delegations are welcome and will be nominated through the appropriate governmental entities. Nominations should be sent to the UN-GGIM Secretariat (Ms. Vilma Frani, email: [frani@un.org](mailto:frani@un.org)).

Participation by representatives from international organizations and the private sector active in the field of global geospatial information management will be by invitation. Interested parties should contact the UN-GGIM Secretariat for further information and confirmation.

All participants, after confirmation with the UN-GGIM Secretariat, are required to register online through the link of the Third High Level Forum on UN-GGIM at the host's website: <http://en.nasg.gov.cn>.

## **Visa**

Foreigners from most countries are required to obtain a visa to enter China. For detailed visa policies, please consult your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country. Please indicate whether you require the official visa documentation while registering with the host. Upon receipt of the registration information, the host will prepare and send the official visa documentation to those who need it.

## **Venue**

The Forum will be held at the headquarters of the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation (NASG) of China. It is located in the southwest of Beijing, 40km from Beijing Capital International Airport.

The address of NASG is:

No. 28, Lianhuachixi Road, Haidian District, Beijing 100830, China

(国家测绘地理信息局, 北京市海淀区莲花池西路 28 号中国测绘大厦)

## **Accommodation**

Block reservations have been made by the host at preferential rates for participants of the Third High Level Forum on UN-GGIM at the Beijing Xinyuan Hotel near the venue. Rooms will be booked according to participants' own choices at the online registration. Those who wish to stay at other hotels are responsible for their own room reservations and transportation to and from the venue.

Beijing Xinyuan Hotel (京都信苑饭店)

Add: No.6 Shifangyuan, Haidian District, Beijing (北京海淀区什坊院 6 号)

Tel: +86 10 63901166

Website: [www.xinyuanhotelbeijing.cn](http://www.xinyuanhotelbeijing.cn)

## **Transportation from Airport to Hotel**

The Beijing Capital International Airport is located in the northeast of Beijing, 32km from the city centre. More information about the Airport and related services can be found at <http://en.bcia.com.cn>. The Airport is about 40km from the Beijing Xiyuan Hotel. Participants can either take a taxi or take the express railway and subway to get to the Beijing Xinyuan Hotel.

## **By Taxi**

Participants can refer to the signs inside the terminal building of the Beijing Capital International Airport and take a taxi to the hotel or any other destination. The taxi fare is charged according to the meter. The minimum charge is RMB ¥ 13 covering the first 3 km. The rest is charged at RMB ¥ 2.30/km. Surcharges apply for waiting, low speed and late night drive. Toll fees and parking fees are borne by passengers.

### **By Express Railway and Subway**

Participants may take the Airport Express Railway at the Beijing Capital International Airport to Sanyuanqiao Station, then transfer to Subway Line 10 and get off at Lianhuaqiao Station. As you come out through Exit B you will find the Beijing Xinyuan Hotel, which is located at the northeast end of Lianhuaqiao Station. The Airport Express fare is RMB ¥ 25/person, and the subway fare is RMB ¥ 2/person.

### **Transport from Hotel to Venue**

Shuttle services between Beijing Xinyuan Hotel and NASG will be provided during the Forum.

### **Currency**

The Chinese currency is RMB. The current exchange rate is about USD\$1:RMB ¥ 6.2. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, hotels, and airports. Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept major international credit cards including Visa and MasterCard.

### **Time**

The standard time used in all regions of China is 8 hours ahead of GMT.

### **About Beijing**

As the capital city of China, Beijing is the country's political, cultural and educational centre, as well as a transportation hub. It covers an area of 16,808 square kilometres with a population of about 13 million. Beijing is an ancient city, established more than 3,000 years ago. The long and brilliant history has left Beijing many attractions, including the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Temple of Heaven, and the Summer Palace. Beijing is a modern city, too. On the streets of Beijing, high-rise buildings, shopping malls, hotels, restaurants, comprehensive and busy traffic networks keep telling you the stories of its modern achievements.

### **Weather and Clothing**

October is the autumn season in Beijing. The average temperatures range from 8°C-19°C. You feel cool and comfortable. Long sleeve shirt is suitable for outdoors

during the day time, while a cardigan or jacket is recommended for early morning and at night.

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