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Dear Colleague,

**Kunming Forum on UN-GGIM  
Cities of the Future: Smart, Resilient and Sustainable  
Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, 10-12 May 2017**

We are pleased to inform you that the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), as Secretariat of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), in collaboration with the Government of China through the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China (NASG), are jointly organising the **Kunming Forum on UN-GGIM to be held from 10-12 May 2017 in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China.**

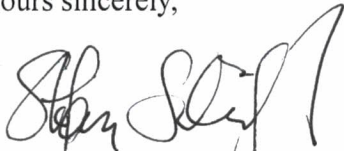
With the theme “**Cities of the Future: Smart, Resilient and Sustainable**” the Kunming Forum will provide a unique and enabling platform for the geospatial information community and a diverse group of stakeholders to engage with one another and discuss priority issues relating to developing and advancing the production and application of reliable, timely and fit-for-purpose geospatial information for urban governance, planning, development and city management. Noting the rapidly evolving challenges, needs and opportunities for cities to ensure the wellbeing of billions of urban dwellers, the Kunming Forum will emphasize the role and contribution of geospatial information management in shaping, building and managing smart, resilient, and sustainable cities of the future, where the lives and wellbeing of all urban inhabitants can be improved and our world transformed for the better. More information concerning the Kunming Forum will progressively be made available on our website here: [http://ggim.un.org/Kunming\\_Forum.html](http://ggim.un.org/Kunming_Forum.html).

We would like to invite you and/or senior representatives from your organisation to attend the Kunming Forum. In an effort to inform a wide cross-section of the professional geospatial information and related communities, policy-makers and stakeholders, we ask you share this information with relevant government agencies and other organisations in your country.

Should you have any questions or need any assistance regarding the substantive arrangements of the Kunming Forum, please do not hesitate to contact the UN-GGIM Secretariat, Mr. CheeHai Teo (E-mail: [teo@un.org](mailto:teo@un.org); Fax: 1-212-963-9851; Telephone: 1-212-963-4904). For registration, accommodation and administrative matters, please contact our colleague at NASG in China, Ms. Liu Sisi (E-mail: [liusisi@nasg.gov.cn](mailto:liusisi@nasg.gov.cn)).

We would like to convey to you our cordial invitation to attend the Kunming Forum and look forward to your positive response and participation.

Yours sincerely,



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