



## Opening Statement

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Dear Mr. Silvano Tjong-Ahin, Mr. Kees de Zeeuw, Mr. Greg Scott, Ms. Jiang Xiaohong, respectful experts, ladies and gentlemen,  
Good morning.

I am honored to attend Deqing International Seminar on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management with the theme “Effective Land Administration” today, and very grateful to the United Nations and the Ministry of Natural Resources for their trust and support all along. On behalf of Deqing People's Government and Deqing people, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and sincere welcome to all of you.

In the past two days, members of the UN-GGIM expert group on land administration visited Mogan Mountain, Naked Stables, Geographic Information Town, and Deqing International Convention Center. Trust all of you have formed a general impression about Deqing. Deqing has a long history of five thousand years. It is in a good geographic location as an important part of Hangzhou metropolitan. Deqing is of great ecological beauty. Deqing is economically active with social harmony and stability. It is one of China's top 100 counties (cities) in economic development and the provincial top 20 counties in industrial development. The key industries in Deqing are intelligent manufacturing, bio-medicine, and green living environment. China’s first geographic information town was built here, which has formed a complete industrial chain of geospatial information. Deqing is in the forefront of China in technological innovation, comprehensive reform, and balanced development.

This November, the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress will be held in Deqing. It will be one of the largest international events in scale, level and content that have been hosted by China in the field of global geospatial information management. The convening of the Congress will pose significant and far-reaching impact on the promotion of global geospatial information and related industries, providing us with an important opportunity to learn geospatial development experiences from the world.

The Congress will be convened with the theme of “The Geospatial Way to a Better World”. Preparatory work is being carried out under the guidance of the United Nations, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Zhejiang Provincial Government. The newly built International Convention Center and Exhibition Center for the Congress will ensure the facilities and services for the Congress agenda. The carefully designed Geospatial Technology and Application Exhibition will demonstrate the most cutting-edge scientific and technological innovations and applications in global geospatial information. Cultural Performance has been prepared to enable our guests to learn about Chinese culture. We are ready to receive participants from all over the world.

Participants of this Seminar represent the world's best governors and professionals in the field of geospatial information, and have actively contributed to the global geospatial information development and widespread applications of geospatial technologies in our daily life. We sincerely hope that this two-day Seminar will be a good opportunity for everyone to further understand Deqing, approach Deqing, and experience Deqing. We hope that all of you will be able to attend the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress. Through you, we kindly invite all stakeholders from the global



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geospatial information community to participate in the crucial agenda of the Congress. We also expect to attract more international companies to participate in the Congress, become strategic partners of the Congress and even start business in Deqing, to jointly promote the innovation and development of global geospatial industries.

I wish this International Seminar a complete success!

I wish all guests and friends good health and happy family!

Thank you all!