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## Third International Workshop on Operationalizing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

Office of the National Statistical Committee, Minsk, Republic of Belarus

26 to 28 November 2019

### INFORMATION NOTE

#### Preamble

The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management at its eighth session in August 2018 adopted the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (E/2018/46, Decision 8/113) that provide a basis, a reference and a mechanism for Member States when establishing, strengthening or organizing their national and sub-national arrangements in geospatial information management and related infrastructures. The Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) aims to translate high-level concepts to practical implementation guidance for use by Member States and does this by leveraging seven (7) underpinning principles, eight (8) goals and nine (9) strategic pathways as a means for governments to establish more effective geospatial information management arrangements. The objective of the nine strategic pathways is to guide governments towards implementing integrated geospatial information arrangements in a way that will deliver a vision for sustainable social, environmental and economic development. The Implementation Guide provides guidance and recommends actions to be taken by governments to establish, strengthen or coordinate their geospatial information management arrangements nationally and sub-nationally.

This three-day workshop is a peer-to-peer learning event to raise and improve awareness, knowledge and understanding of the IGIF and the integrative role of geospatial information. It will address the availability and accessibility of geospatial information, and its integration with statistics and other data, inter-alia, the data demands in support of national development priorities and national implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The workshop will introduce, inform and work through with invited participants, the majority from the Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the implementation guidance and conceptual approach to operationalize the IGIF according to their national circumstances.

This International Workshop seeks to contribute to the strengthening of nationally integrated geospatial information management towards the production, dissemination and application of geospatial information for national development priorities and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will address the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) as an important bridge that enables a range of data to be integrated from both statistical and geospatial communities and, through the application of its five principles and supporting key elements, permits the production of standardized and integrated geospatially enabled statistical data; evolving national spatial data infrastructures; towards data-driven policy and decision making. The IGIF anchored by its nine strategic pathways, together with the Implementation Guide, provides Member States a mechanism for



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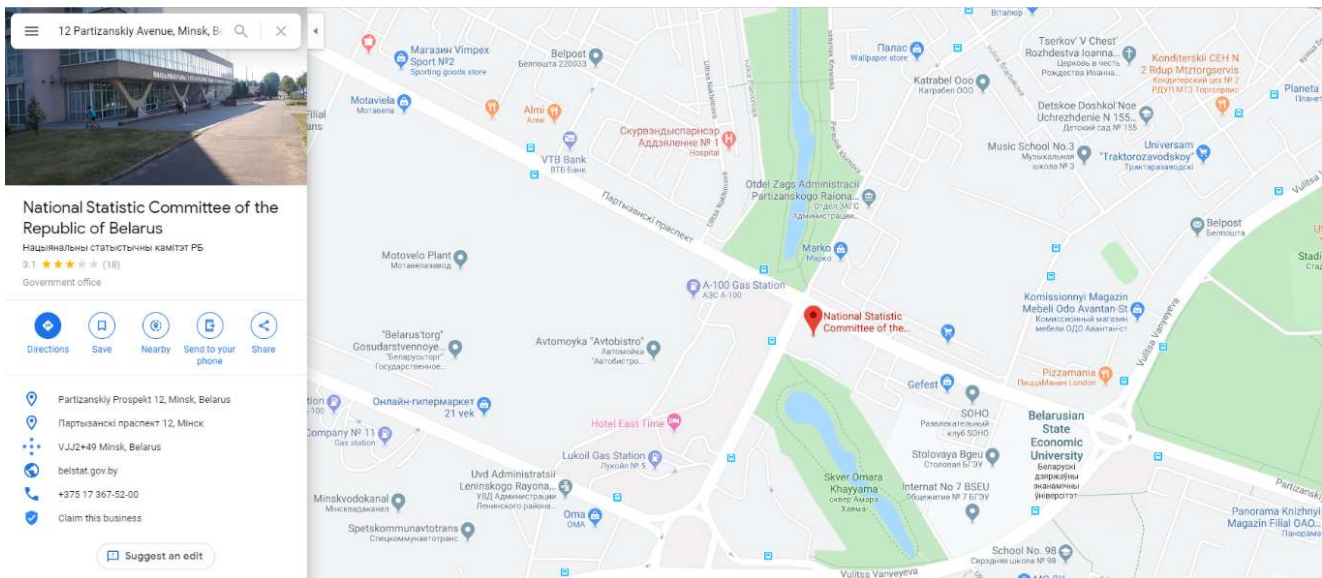
articulating and demonstrating national leadership in integrated geospatial information management, and the capacity to take positive steps.

## Organizers

The United Nations Secretariat for Global Geospatial Information Management, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs in collaboration with the Statistics Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Statistical Office of the European Free Trade Association and the United Nations Development Programme in Belarus will jointly organise this International Workshop, supported by the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Europe and the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus.

## Venue

Conference Room,  
Office of the National Statistical Committee  
12 Partizanskiy Avenue,  
Minsk, Republic of Belarus



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## Participants

This International Workshop is a closed event. Participation is solely by invitation only. The majority of participants are expected to come from Ministries, Agencies or Departments responsible for geospatial information management, surveying and mapping, or statistics from Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Participants are senior officials who need to address and improve the availability, accessibility and application of geospatial information nationally, and to realize the vital and integrative role of geospatial information.

## Visas

Please refer to the following information: <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/visafreetravel/e0ced19bb1f9bf2c.html>. Participants from outside Belarus are responsible for their visa arrangements including any related fees.

## Hotels

Participants are requested to arrange their own accommodation/hotel reservation, all transfers from and to the airport as well as to the venue each day. The venue is the Office of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus (BelStat) at 12 Partizanskiy Avenue, Minsk. We have been advised that hotels nearest to Belstat are:

- i) **East Time Hotel** (5-7 minutes' walk)  
<http://www.easttime-hotel.by/>
- ii) **Tourist Hotel** (15 minutes' walk or 5-7 minutes by public transport)  
<http://www.hotel-tourist.by/en/>

and, using public transport:

- iii) **Willing Hotel**  
<https://willinghotel.by/en/>
- iv) **Minsk Hotel**  
<http://www.hotelminsk.by/en/>

## Reference materials

- i) [Integrated Geospatial Information Framework](#)
- ii) [Global Statistical Geospatial Framework](#)
- iii) [Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes](#)

## Provisional annotated agenda

**Tuesday**  
**26 November 2019**

**8:30am – 9:00am**      **Arrival of invited participants**

**9:00am – 12:30pm**      **Session #1**  
**Welcome, introductions and setting the scene**

*This segment of the international workshop will include welcome messages, announcements, self-introductions by all participants, and a series of presentations to set the scene beginning with the host country, and to frame the context of the workshop*

**Note:**

1. A group photograph may be taken at an appropriate time during the segment
2. Breaks for refreshments will be at about 10:30am

**12:30pm – 2:00pm**      **Lunch**

**2:00pm – 5:00pm**      **Session #2**  
**The Integrated Geospatial Information Framework - strengthening national geospatial information management capacities and capabilities**

*This segment considers developing, coordinating and strengthening national arrangements in geospatial information management. This include building upon investments and existing infrastructures for national spatial data, and re-purposing NSDI initiatives towards nationally integrated geospatial information management to deliver evidence for national development priorities and sustainable development, and towards better societal, economic and environmental value and benefits*

**Note:**

1. Breaks for refreshments will be at about 3:30pm

**Wednesday**  
**27 November 2019**

**8:30am – 9:00am**      **Arrival of invited participants**

**9:00am – 12:30pm**      **Session #3**  
**The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework - strengthening the integration of statistical, geospatial and other data**

*This segment considers improving the integration of statistical, geospatial and other data towards evidence for policy and decision-making, and to leave no one behind. The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework through the application of its five Principles and supporting key elements, permits the production of standardized geospatially enabled statistical data. The resulting data can be integrated with statistical, geospatial, and other information to inform and facilitate data-driven and evidence-based policies and decisions. And to support national development priorities, the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Census and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*

**Note:**

1. Breaks for refreshments will be at about 10:30am

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**12:30pm –  
2:00pm Lunch**

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**2:00pm –  
5:00pm Session #4  
Operationalizing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework**

*This segment will be an interactive segment to consider the purpose and intent of the Implementation Guide along the three influences – governance, technology and people and the overview (solving the puzzle). The participants will discuss the nine strategic pathways and its elements, the guidance and recommended actions aligned with the nine strategic pathways as a means for governments to establish more effective geospatial information management arrangements*

**Note:**

1. Breaks for refreshments will be at about 3:30pm

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**Thursday  
28 November 2019**

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**8:30am –  
9:00am Arrival of invited participants**

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**9:00am –  
12:30pm Session #5  
The Integrated Geospatial Information Framework – country-level action plan**

*Country-level action plans seek to implement the IGIF at country level, taking into consideration national circumstances and development priorities. It provides the 'how, when and who' processes in implementing the IGIF, detail actions and activities that need to be taken in the short, medium and longer-term, and prioritize these actions and activities including resourcing (capacity, capabilities, technologies and budgetary) considerations. A country-level action plan references the specific guidance, options and actions provided in the Implementation Guide and addresses each of the nine strategic pathways to capture strategic to operational needs of a country when implementing the IGIF as the overarching strategic framework.*

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**12:30pm –  
2:00pm Lunch**

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**2:00pm –  
4:30pm Session #6  
Where to from here!**

*Countries wish to move towards e-economies, improve services to citizens, develop capacity for applying geospatial technology, enhance informed government policy and decision-making processes, take practical actions to achieve the digital transformation, and the effective implementation of national strategic and development priorities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This segment seeks to interact and discuss what is needed next at the country level, and will also bring the international workshop to a close.*