

**First Plenary Meeting of the High-level Group of the
Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF).
Incorporating the Meeting of the UN-GGIM Bureau and Friends of the co-Chairs**
Conference Room 7, General Assembly Building, UNHQ, New York
26 – 28 April 2022

General Information

The three days of the first plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF) and the meeting of the UN-GGIM Bureau and Friends of the co-Chairs, is organized as an ‘integrated’ meeting, and with an integrated agenda. This approach recognizes the importance of the work before the ad-hoc task team comprising the Bureau and ‘Friends of the co-Chairs’ tasked by UN-GGIM in making [decision 11/101](#) at its Eleventh session, to lead preparations and consult on the report on the implementation of [Resolution 2016/27](#) ‘Strengthening Institutional Arrangements on Geospatial Information Management’ to be submitted to the 2022 Session of ECOSOC. Equally, the HLG-IGIF is implementing its Strategic Plan¹ and its Plan of Work to provide the strategic leadership, promotion, coordination, planning and oversight to successfully sustain the uptake and implementation of the IGIF from global to national levels.

At its Eleventh session, UN-GGIM emphasized that the IGIF now provides the overarching paradigm to further strengthen nationally integrated geospatial information management within and across countries. Further, the IGIF now serves as a key umbrella for the many activities under the purview of UN-GGIM, including its regional committees and thematic groups, and which could be applied to any country to guide transformational change².

Health and Safety³

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Organization of the Meeting

The three days will be organized into six meeting sessions as follows:

Tuesday, 26 April 2022

Session 1: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Session 2: 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Session 3: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Session 4: 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Thursday, 28 April 2022

Session 5: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Session 6: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Given the importance of the ECOSOC process and noting [decision 11/101](#) from the Eleventh session of UN-GGIM, which emphasized the importance of a close dialogue and open engagement between geospatial information management experts in Member States, their ministries of foreign affairs and permanent missions to the United Nations in New York, expert representatives from capitals, during the three days, are expected to visit their respective permanent missions to the United Nations in New York. This is to engage and interact, in particular, on the strengthening of the institutional arrangements for global geospatial information management.

¹ Endorsed by UN-GGIM at its Eleventh session

² Decision of UN-GGIM at its Tenth session

³ Guidance as at 14 April 2022

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Tuesday, 26 April 2022

Session 1: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

9:00 am - 10:00 am **Agenda 1.(a) Welcome, background and introductions**

Facilitated by:

Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, co-Chair UN-GGIM
Ms. Rosamond Bing, co-Chair UN-GGIM
Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, co-Chair HLG-IGIF
Mr. Tulu Besha Bedada, co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Agenda 1.(b) Adoption of Agenda, organization of the meeting, related organizational matters and announcements

Facilitated by:

Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Note:

(i) This segment will include announcements, if any, by the UN-GGIM Secretariat

10:00 am – 11:00 am **Agenda 2. Setting the scene**

Facilitated by:

Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, co-Chair UN-GGIM
Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(i) This segment discusses why we are here and what is needed to be accomplished collectively within these three days.

11:00 am – 11:20 am **Break**

11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Agenda 3. HLG-IGIF status update**

Facilitated by:

Mr. Tulu Besha Bedada, co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(i) This segment discusses the progress of the HLG-IGIF, where it is at today, and what must be pursued together in 2022 and 2023. The segment will also provide an overview of the HLG-IGIF Plan of Work, related activities and tasks to deliver the agreed prioritized strategic goals⁴.

Agenda 4.(a) IGIF – an overview

Facilitated by:

Mr. Tulu Besha Bedada, co-Chair HLG-IGIF

⁴ The prioritized goals were endorsed by UN-GGIM at its Eleventh session

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(i) *This segment considers the status of the IGIF and its three inter-connected parts. This will include status with the refinements and finalization of the Implementation Guide (Part 2).*

1:00 pm – **Lunch break**
2:30 pm

Tuesday, 26 April 2022

Session 2: 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm

2:30 pm – **Agenda 4.(b) IGIF – implementation and impacts**
4:00 pm

Facilitated by:

Mr. Tim Trainor, IGIF Advisor

Facilitated panel and open discussion

Note:

(i) *This a facilitated and open conversation and discussion with countries developing or implementing their IGIF Country-level Action Plans. The contributors and participants will discuss and consider not only the value and benefits of the IGIF, but also key issues, challenges, good practices and successes in their respective journeys; and for those with a recently developed Country-level Action Plan, how they will proceed to ‘implement’ their Action Plans.*

4:00 pm – **Break**
4:20 pm

4:20 pm – **Agenda 5. Strengthening institutional arrangements for global geospatial information management**
6:00 pm

Facilitated by:

Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, co-Chair UN-GGIM

Ms. Rosamond Bing, co-Chair UN-GGIM

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(i) *In this segment, participants will be provided with an overview/update of the status and preparations of the two remaining ‘Phases’ of work to be completed by the UN-GGIM Bureau and Friends of the co-Chairs. Participants will then consider the main elements for the report to be submitted by UN-GGIM to ECOSOC.*

Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Session 3: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

9:00 am – **Agenda 5. Strengthening institutional arrangements for global geospatial information management (continued)**
11:00 am

Facilitated by:

Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, co-Chair UN-GGIM

Ms. Rosamond Bing, co-Chair UN-GGIM

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(ii) *In this segment, participants will discuss the desired institutional arrangements – a committee of experts or a functional commission? Is there a difference between committee of experts or functional commission? Where is (or will there be) the sustainable and regular budgetary resources, including additional professional staff posts?*

11:00 am – **Break**
11:20 am

11:20 am – **Agenda 6. Resources for developing IGIF Country-level Action Plans**
1:00 pm

Facilitated by:

Mr. Tulu Besha Bedada, co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Note:

(i) *This segment discusses the resources available to support Member States in their efforts to design and develop Country-level Action Plans.*

1:00 pm – **Lunch break**
2:30 pm

Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Session 4: 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm

2:30 pm – **Agenda 7. IGIF – an overarching paradigm for strengthening national geospatial information management and arrangements**
3:30 pm

Facilitated by:

Mr. Tim Trainor, IGIF Advisor

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(i) *This is a facilitated open discussion segment. Participants will discuss and consider how the IGIF and its nine strategic pathways allows progress and improvements, including modernization of national geospatial production systems beyond spatial data infrastructures.*

3:30 pm – **Agenda 8. Making IGIF sustainable – maintaining momentum, continuity and impact**
4:00 pm

Facilitated by:

Mr. Tim Trainor, IGIF Advisor

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(i) *This is a facilitated open discussion segment. Participants will discuss and consider the issues, challenges, needs and opportunities to maintain the momentum and sustain the continuity and impact of the IGIF. The discussions should include collaboration and partnerships that can/or will be beneficial for Member States.*

4:00 pm – **Break**
4:20 pm

4:20 pm – **Agenda 8. Making IGIF sustainable – maintaining momentum, continuity and impact (continued)**
5:00 pm

Facilitated by:
Mr. Tim Trainor, IGIF Advisor

Facilitated break out group with report back

Note:

(ii) *There will be three breakout groups to work and report back on actions and tasks necessary to maintain momentum and sustain the continuity and impact of the IGIF. These actions and tasks will inform the prioritization of tasks identified in the HLG-IGIF Plan of Work.*

5:00 pm – **Agenda 9. Advancing the HLG-IGIF Plan of Work**
6:00 pm

Facilitated by:
Mr. Jamie Clark, Goal #1 Lead, HLG-IGIF

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(i) *Participants will discuss the actions and tasks identified in the Plan of Work to advance Strategic Goal #1 – Improving communications.*

Thursday, 28 April 2022
Session 5: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

9:00 am – **Agenda 5. Strengthening institutional arrangements for global geospatial information management (continued)**
11:00 am

Facilitated by:
Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, co-Chair UN-GGIM
Ms. Rosamond Bing, co-Chair UN-GGIM

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(iii) *Participants will decide on next steps with regards to UN-GGIM's report to ECOSOC and resolution on strengthening the institutional arrangements for global geospatial information management.*

11:00 am – **Break**
11:20 am

11:20 am – **Agenda 9. Advancing the HLG-IGIF Plan of Work (continued)**
1:00 pm

Facilitated by:
Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Note:

(ii) *This segment discusses advancing the Plan of Work developed for the three prioritized goals with a suite of actions and tasks. Now it is time to work the plan, with each HLG-IGIF member to assume responsibility for some tasks and activities. Participants will discuss and identify priority actions or tasks and determine the 'who', 'what', 'when'.*

1:00 pm – **Lunch break**
2:30 pm

Thursday, 28 April 2022
Session 6: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

2:30 pm – **Agenda 10. Way forward, next steps and close**
4:00 pm

Facilitated by:

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Ms. Rosamond Bing, co-Chair UN-GGIM
Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, co-Chair HLG-IGIF
Mr. Tulu Besha Bedada, co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Facilitated open discussion

Note:

(i) The co-Chairs of UN-GGIM and the co-Chairs of the HLG-IGIF will provide their summary of key decisions and main outcomes of the deliberations over the three days.

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