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Agenda Item 10: Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information

Report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (E/CN.20/2022/12/Add.1)

The Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information at its report highlighted:

• Firstly, the endorsement of the GSGF Implementation Guide by the Statistical Commission, in its decision 53/127 as an excellent resource for supporting the implementation and operationalization of the GSGF for the production and dissemination of geospatially enabled statistical data

• Secondly, examining the Expert Group’s potential future role beyond the 2020 round of population and housing census and towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly the need for geospatially integrated statistics to new demands such as climate change statistics.

In summary, we encourage Member States to implement and operationalize the GSGF and participate in the Expert Group’s work, especially with its new Work Plan 2022 – 2024.
Decision 12/108 Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information (E/2023/46-E/C.20/2022/19)

The Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management:

(a) Welcomed the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (see E/C.20/2022/12) and the continued efforts to support the integration of statistical and geospatial information to realize national priorities and global development agendas;

(b) **Urged Member States to continue to implement and operationalize the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework** as a tool for attaining geospatially enabled statistical data for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2020 round of population censuses, and recognized that addressing the many data integration challenges presented by the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and other complex issues, such as climate change and disaster resilience, requires the full implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework at the national and regional levels;

(c) **Noted the endorsement of the Implementation Guide of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework by the Statistical Commission in its decision 53/127 of 11 March 2022** as a practical means to implement the Framework and to create, disseminate and utilize geospatially enabled statistics, and welcomed the many use cases and good practices describing how the Framework had been implemented and operationalized within national and regional contexts;
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(d) Also noted that the Expert Group had completed its workplan for the period 2020–2022 and welcomed the newly developed workplan for the period 2022–2024, and in that regard stressed the importance of leveraging the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for the statistical domain, to strengthen the interlinkages between the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework to enhance the transformative role that geospatial information could have in the statistical production process;

(e) Recognized that the enhanced demand for the integration of geospatial, statistical and other forms of data required strengthened participation and institutional coordination between geospatial and statistical agencies, and urged greater participation in the work of the Expert Group, in particular by developing countries, to enable deeper exchange of knowledge and lessons learned;

(f) Welcomed and encouraged efforts to strengthen coordination, engagement and interlinkages with the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees, the regional commissions and other regional stakeholders to improve the coordination of successful projects at the regional level, and expressed its appreciation for the ongoing implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework at the regional level;
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(g) Encouraged the Expert Group to undertake an examination of the broader needs and demands that it might face in the future, identifying needs and common gaps, disseminating good practices and finding opportunities to share insights to build and sustain a robust support framework, and to continue the development of guidance materials to assist Member States with their efforts in the implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework together with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework;

(h) Expressed its thanks to Germany and Namibia for their leadership in co-chairing the Expert Group during the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic period, noted the expressions of interest from Brazil and Ireland to lead the Expert Group, and welcomed the offer by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to host the next in-person meeting of the Expert Group in Santiago;
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Side Event
“Strengthening Statistical and Geospatial Integration: The SDGs Geospatial Roadmap and the GSGF Implementation Guide”

United Nations Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
### 2:30 – 2:40
Introduction
This segment will help set the scene on why statistical-geospatial integration is vital.
Moderator: The Importance of Statistical-Geospatial Integration
Ms. Lorraine McNerney, OSI Ireland

### 2:40 – 3:15
Introducing the GSGF Implementation Guide
This segment will introduce the GSGF Implementation Guide.

The GSGF Implementation Guide
Mr. Vince Osier, US Census Bureau, United States of America

The GSGF in the Africa and Americas Regions
Mr. Alvaro Monett, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
Mr. Andre Nonguierma, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Followed by moderated discussion

### 3:15 – 3:55
Introducing the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap
This segment will introduce the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap.

The SDGs Geospatial Roadmap
Ms. Paloma Merodio
INEGI, Mexico and Co-Chair UN-GGIM and IAEG-SDGs WG on Geospatial Information

The Roadmap in Action
Ms. Sandra Moreno
DANE, Colombia

Disaggregating by Geographic Location: Developing further guidance for the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap
Ms. Sainan Zhang
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Followed by moderated discussion

### Contributions from Ireland, USA, ECLAC and ECA.
Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress
Theme: "Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind"
10 – 14 October 2022
Hyderabad
India
Participation in the event to follow the discussions of the geospatial community and the state of the art of the implementation of initiatives and frameworks by member countries. Focus especially on discussions and sessions related to the implementation of the IGIF at country-level to map possible interactions with item A of the EG-ISGI work plan.