

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is committed to strengthen its relations with international organizations, committees and technical teams. In this context, General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GASGI) is keen to enhance the Kingdom's presence internationally and effectively by participating in a number of international organizations in the field of geospatial information, to ensure the achievement of common goals and sustainable development.

Saudi Arabia, represented by the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GASGI), has sought, since joining the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), to benefit from the capability and skills available from the members of UN-GGIM. GASGI is keen to benefit from the experiences of developed countries in this field on how to manage geospatial information, especially, maritime information, in addition to an active participation in international events, providing expertise and experiences that Saudi Arabia has carried out in developing its national geospatial infrastructure.

GASGI has many beneficial participations, including, but not limited to, the participation in the development of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), as well as translating parts of (IGIF) into the Arabic language, for the Arab user and enabling them to use IGIF in developing the National Geospatial Strategic Plans.

GASGI also actively participates in a number of functional groups, such as Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information, Subcommittee on Geodesy,

and High-Level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF).

Saudi Arabia participated in the First Meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF) which held in April 2022 in New York.

the three priority goals focused upon were:

- Improve communication
- Strengthen capacity development
- Mobilize sustainable funding.

And we actively participating in all of the three priority goals and leading one of the tasks under the third goal “Mobilize sustainable funding”.

At the national level, the general authority for survey and geospatial information is mandated to Develop and implement strategic plans and conducting Sector-related studies and research. In order to achievement its objectives and deliver the tasks that are assigned to GASGI is by its Mandate. So we started developing the national geospatial strategy to help improve and develop the survey and geospatial information sector in the Kingdom. Hence it was essential to have a clear roadmap to help GASGI to regulate, upgrade, supervise, and monitor the Survey and geospatial sector in Saudi.

So, the national geospatial strategy was designed to align with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), We used the IGIF pathways to assess common themes in strategic dimensions and analysed their future impact.

Accordingly, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia encourages to support all efforts made to develop the development of the UN-IGIF Hydro, given the importance of this work to develop the national geospatial infrastructure of countries, as well as the effective management of geospatial information of all kinds.

Saudi Arabia is willing to share and learn the best practices with the Hydro Community. The IGIF commitment of Saudi is to input into the UN mission of leaving no one behind.

Thanks for your attention.