

**First Meeting of the International Advisory Committee (IAC) of the  
 United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC)  
 Deqing, Zhejiang Province, China  
 20 - 22 April 2023**

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Provisional Agenda**

The provisional agenda for the First Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC: IAC) is being provided to guide the main topics and elements of discussion and agreement for the IAC as follows:

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Provisional agenda, organization of the meeting and setting-the-scene
- 3) Terms of Reference, membership, and co-Chairs of the UN-GGKIC: IAC
- 4) Working modalities and the advisory role and responsibilities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC
- 5) Review and consideration of the UN-GGKIC Framework Plan
- 6) Consideration of the broader UN-GGIM programme of work
- 7) Consideration and development of a vision and strategic priorities for the UN-GGKIC
- 8) Consideration and development of a medium term and annual programme of work and activities for the UN-GGKIC
- 9) Summary, way forward and close

**Organization of work**

The proposed organization of the First Meeting of the UN-GGKIC: IAC has been developed to facilitate the considerations of the agenda items within the three days. The organization of the meeting is as follows:

Date and Time	Agenda item		<i>Proposed time to be spent on each item</i>
<b>Thursday, 20 April</b>			
09:00 a.m.	1	Welcome	<i>15 min</i>
10:30 a.m.	3	Membership of the UN-GGKIC: IAC	<i>5 min</i>
	1	Introductions	<i>20 min</i>
	2	Provisional agenda and organization of the meeting	<i>10 min</i>
	2	Setting the scene	<i>40 min</i>
	3	Terms of Reference of the UN-GGKIC: IAC	<i>20 min</i>
11:00 a.m.			



Date and Time	Agenda item		Proposed time to be spent on each item
12:30 p.m.	3	Co-Chairs of the UN-GGKIC: IAC	20 min
	4	The advisory role and responsibility of the UN-GGKIC: IAC	30 min
	4	Working modalities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC	20 min
14:00 p.m.	6	Consideration of the UN-GGIM programme of work	45 min
15:30 p.m.	7	The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)	45 min
15:00 p.m.	5	Review and consideration of the Framework Plan	45 min
17:30 p.m.	7	Development of a strategic plan and a plan of work	45 min
Friday, 21 April			
09:00 a.m.	7	Consideration and development of a vision and strategic priorities	90 min
10:30 a.m.			
11:00 a.m.	7	Consideration and development of a vision and strategic priorities	60 min
12:00 noon			
12:00 noon	1	Welcome and introductions	30 min
12:30 p.m.			
14:00 p.m.	1	Site Visit	60 min
15:00 p.m.			
16:00 p.m.	1	Networking and casual interaction	90 min
17:30 p.m.			
Saturday, 22 April			
09:00 a.m.	8	Consideration and development of a medium term and annual programme of work	90 min
10:30 a.m.			
11:00 a.m.	8	Consideration and development of the activities for the annual programme of work	90 min
12:30 p.m.			
14:00 p.m.	9	Summary and way forward	60 min
15:30 p.m.	9	Close	30 min



## Organization of the meeting

Thursday, 20 April 2023

08:30 a.m. – Arrival of meeting participants and registration

09:00 a.m.

09:00 a.m. – **Agenda item #1 – Welcome and introductions**

10:30 a.m. *This is the opening session with brief welcome messages from the host, Ministry of Natural Resources, the local host, Deqing County Government, and the Secretariat of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM).*

*Chair:*

*Stefan Schweinfest, DESA/Statistics Division*

Welcome and opening remarks

- tbc  
Ministry of Natural Resources of China
- tbc  
Deqing County Government
- Stefan Schweinfest  
DESA/Statistics Division

Announcements

*Briefing to participants on the facilities and arrangements for the meeting, refreshment arrangements for the three days and any relevant public health, safety, and emergency announcements*

- tbc  
Ministry of Natural Resources of China or Deqing County Government

Inaugural membership of the International Advisory Committee of the UN-GGKIC

*The meeting will be informed of the composition and membership of the UN-GGKIC: IAC. Members of the UN-GGKIC: IAC together with meeting participants may briefly introduce themselves. The UN Secretariat will briefly introduce this item.*

- Cheehai Teo  
DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

**Agenda item #2 - Provisional agenda, organization of the meeting and setting-the-scene**

*Chair:*

*Stefan Schweinfest, DESA/Statistics Division*



Provisional agenda and organization of the meeting

*The meeting will briefly discuss expectations and expected outcomes before confirming the agenda of the meeting together with the organization of the meeting. The UN Secretariat will briefly introduce this item.*

- Cheehai Teo  
DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

Setting the scene

*The meeting will be briefed on the background and context of the UN-GGKIC and the strategic and oversight role of the International Advisory Committee. The meeting will also consider the mandates and implementation of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2022/24, and the operations of UN-GGIM focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF). A substantive presentation will be delivered by the UN Secretariat to assist in setting the scene and journey to today to guide the discussion.*

- Greg Scott  
DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

10:30 a.m. – Refreshment break  
11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – **Agenda item #3 - Terms of Reference, membership, and co-Chairs of the UN-GGKIC: IAC**  
12:30 p.m.

*In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding on the Operationalization of the UN-GGKIC, the International Advisory Committee has been formed and comprises international geospatial experts with balanced geographical representation and diversity from UN-GGIM.*

*Chair:*  
*Stefan Schweinfest, DESA/Statistics Division*

Terms of Reference of the UN-GGKIC: IAC

*The IAC is to provide required guidance and advice on the development, implementation, and review of the substantive annual programme of work of the UN-GGKIC, in consultation with the Head of the Centre. The draft Terms of Reference will be clarified, and the meeting may review and update, as appropriate, the UN-GGKIC: IAC Terms of Reference with a view to finalize and adopt the terms. The UN Secretariat will introduce this item.*

- Greg Scott  
DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

Co-Chairs of the UN-GGKIC: IAC

*The IAC shall elect two co-Chairs to serve for a two-year period. The meeting will discuss and affirm by acclamation two members as co-Chairs of the UN-GGKIC: IAC with due consideration for geographic diversity and equity between developed and developing countries. The Secretariat proposes one of the two co-Chairs serve a half term, for one year. Thus, the next time the IAC meets, the IAC will fill the vacant co-Chair position and thereafter, election shall be annually to fill a vacant co-Chair position, thus ensuring continuity. The UN Secretariat will facilitate the selection process.*

- Stefan Schweinfest  
DESA/Statistics Division



#### **Agenda item #4 - Working modalities and the advisory role and responsibilities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC**

*The overarching aim of the IAC is to provide the required guidance and advice on the development, implementation, and review of the substantive annual programme of work of the UN-GGKIC, in consultation with the Head of the Centre.*

*Chair:*

*co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee*

##### The advisory role and responsibilities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC

*The meeting will consider the advisory role and responsibilities of the IAC including reporting to the annual sessions of UN-GGIM under the agenda item 'Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements', and as appropriate, clarify and/or elaborate further this role and responsibility. The UN Secretariat will briefly introduce this item.*

➤ Cheehai Teo

DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

##### The working modalities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC

*The UN-GGKIC: IAC shall work through electronic exchanges with an annual meeting hosted by the UN-GGKIC. Where feasible, the annual meeting of the UN-GGKIC IAC could be convened in conjunction with an international peer-to-peer knowledge and innovation exchange or capacity development event organized by the UN-GGKIC. The co-Chairs, with support from the Head of the Centre and the UN Secretariat, shall coordinate, monitor, and report on the activities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC to the Steering Committee of UN-GGKIC. The UN-GGKIC: IAC and the UN-GGCE shall report on the implementation and progress of its programme of work to the annual sessions of UN-GGIM, through the preparation of written reports and background documents, under the standing agenda item "Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements". The meeting will discuss and clarify as appropriate its working modality including its annual meeting and preferences. The UN Secretariat will briefly introduce this item.*

➤ Cheehai Teo

DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

12:30 p.m. – Lunch

14:00 p.m.

14:00 p.m. – **Agenda item #6 – Consideration of broader UN-GGIM programme of work**

15:30 p.m.

*UN-GGIM has a programme of work aligned to its mandates and consensus achieved at its annual sessions. The objective of the UN-GGKIC is to advance the implementation of ECOSOC resolution 2022/24 for the achievement of UN-GGIM's operations focused on the SDGs and the UN-IGIF to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States, advancing the core function of the UN-GGIM, thus enhancing and advancing geospatial information management capacities in Member States, especially developing countries, to strengthen knowledge sharing and innovative cooperation.*

*Chair:*

*co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee*



□ Programme of work of UN-GGIM

*The UN Secretariat will introduce this item and brief the meeting on the agenda and programme before UN-GGIM including key activities and contribution from its regional committees, functional groups, and thematic networks. The importance of coordination, coherence, avoidance of duplication and relevance must be highlighted. The meeting will consider the programme of work of the UN-GGIM vis-à-vis the agreed Framework Plan and overarching goal of the UN-GGKIC. The meeting may breakout into groups and report back to better consider this item.*

➤ Cheehai Teo

DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

**Agenda item #7 - Consideration and development of a vision and strategic priorities**

*The meeting will consider an initial body of work to develop a strategic plan and plan of work for the UN-GGKIC that was carried out by the UN Secretariat to support UN-GGKIC: IAC consideration of a sound strategy with compelling vision, strategic actions, and priorities towards a feasible programme of work and activities*

*Chair:*

*co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee*

□ The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)

*The UN Secretariat will introduce this item and brief the meeting on the nexus 2030 Agenda and the UN-IGIF. ECOSOC resolution 2022/24 entitled ‘Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements’ recognized “the sustained efforts of UN-GGIM to establish the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC) in Deqing, China” and reiterated “the importance of strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness of the Committee of Experts, particularly for the achievement of its operations focused on the SDGs and the UN-IGIF, to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States.”*

➤ Greg Scott

DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

15:30 p.m. – Refreshment break

16:00 p.m.

16:00 p.m. – **Agenda item #5 - Review and consideration of the Framework Plan**

17:30 p.m. *The agreed Framework Plan provides the objectives, functions, organization, and management of the UN-GGKIC. The annual programme of work shall be developed and implemented in accordance with the modalities of the Framework Plan. UN-GGKIC’s overarching goal is to work towards the ambitions of implementation of the UN-IGIF set by Member States, develop capacity, promote, and support the required innovation, leadership, coordination and to develop, enhance and deliver national geospatial information management policy and capabilities into national development strategies, priorities, and programs.*

*Chair:*

*co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee*



□ Framework Plan of the UN-GGKIC

*The meeting will review the agreed Framework Plan, clarify as appropriate, as part of the preparation for its consideration of feasible strategic actions and priorities for the UN-GGKIC. The Framework Plan outlines three key initial priority focus areas for the UN-GGKIC: deliver technical assistance and capacity development; serve as a global geospatial knowledge centre; and serve as a catalyst for geospatial innovation and technology. The UN Secretariat will briefly introduce this item and the meeting may engage in breakout group work with a report-back mechanism.*

➤ Greg Scott

DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

**Agenda item #7 - Consideration and development of a vision and strategic priorities**

*The meeting will consider an initial body of work to develop a strategic plan and plan of work for the UN-GGKIC that was undertaken by the UN Secretariat to support the UN-GGKIC: IAC, inclusive of consideration of a sound strategy with compelling vision, strategic actions, and priorities towards a feasible programme of work and activities.*

Chair:

co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee

□ Development of a strategic plan and a plan of work

*The UN Secretariat will introduce this item and brief the meeting on salient elements of the work carried as relates to the development of a strategic plan and plan of work for the short and medium term to assist the meeting in its consideration and development of guidance and advice on a feasible strategy with strategic actions and priorities for the UN-GGKIC.*

➤ Greg Scott

DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

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Friday, 21 April 2023

08:45 a.m. – Arrival of meeting participants

09:00 a.m.

09:00 a.m. – **Agenda item #7 - Consideration and development of a vision and strategic priorities**

10:30 a.m.

*The UN-GGKIC IAC will guide, advise and review UN-GGKIC's annual programme of work so that there is a work plan and associated activities that will: advance the implementation of ECOSOC resolution 2022/24 for the achievement of UN-GGIM's operations focused on the SDGs and the implementation of the UN-IGIF; enhance, strengthen and advance the development of geospatial information management capacity and capabilities of Member States, especially developing countries; strengthen knowledge sharing and innovative cooperation of Member States; promote applications of geospatial information in other fields; that benefits all Member States.*

Chair:

co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee



Vision and strategic priorities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC

*The meeting will begin to consider and develop its guidance and advice on a feasible strategy with strategic actions and priorities including a vision for the UN-GGKIC. The meeting may break out into groups to brainstorm and deliberate on key elements of a proposed strategy and plan of work for the UN-GGKIC. The UN Secretariat will briefly introduce this item*

➤ Cheehai Teo

DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

10:30 a.m. –  
11:00 a.m.

Refreshment break

11:00 a.m. –  
12:00 noon

**Agenda item #7 – Consideration and development of a vision and strategic priorities**

*The meeting will continue its consideration of this agenda item*

*Chair:*

*co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee*

Vision and strategic priorities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC

*The meeting will continue to discuss, consider, and develop its guidance and advice on a feasible strategy with strategic actions and priorities including a vision for the UN-GGKIC.*

12:00 noon –  
12:30 p.m.

**Agenda item #1 – Welcome and introductions**

*In this segment, the meeting welcomes the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Li Junhua, to the meeting. Members of the International Advisory Committee will be introduced to USG Li before he addresses and interacts with the UN-GGKIC: IAC*

*Chair:*

*co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee*

Introduction of members of the UN-GGKIC: IAC to USG Li

*The co-Chairs of the UN-GGKIC: IAC will welcome USG Li to the meeting, introduce themselves and their IAC colleagues to USG Li*

➤ tbc

co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee

Address and words of encouragement

*USG Li will address and encourage the UN-GGKIC: IAC at its First Meeting*

➤ Li Junhua

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Open interaction with USG Li

*In this segment, USG Li will have open interaction with members of the UN-GGKIC.*





Group photograph

*Group photograph session involving USG Li and members of UN-GGKIC: IAC and with all meeting participants*

12:30 p.m. – Lunch  
14:00 p.m.

14:00 p.m. – Site visit

15:00 p.m. *USG Li, together with members of the International Advisory Committee of the UN-GGKIC, will visit the premises of the UN-GGKIC and have a firsthand preview of the facilities and the set-up of the UN-GGKIC, and may discuss on-site the potential of the premises*

15:00 p.m. – Refreshment break  
16:00 p.m.

16:00 p.m. – Networking and casual interaction

17:30 p.m. *The meeting moves into an unstructured casual setting where meeting participants will have the opportunity to informally interact and discuss with colleagues outside the meeting room on varying matters as relates to the UN-GGKIC*

Saturday, 22 April 2023

08:45 a.m. – Arrival of meeting participants  
09:00 a.m.

09:00 a.m. – **Agenda item #8 - Consideration and development of a medium term and annual programme of work and activities**  
10:30 a.m.

*The UN-GGKIC will develop and implement an annual programme of work and activities in accordance with the agreed Framework Plan. The annual programme of work and activities must achieve the overarching goal, objectives, and functions of the UN-GGKIC as agreed between the parties.*

*Chair:*

*co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee*

Proposed programme of work and activities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC

*The meeting will begin its consideration and develop its guidance and advice on a feasible programme of work and activities for the short and medium term and to prioritize activities as appropriate. The meeting may break out into groups to brainstorm, deliberate, and consider key work packages and elements of a proposed strategy and plan of work, and thereafter regroup to consider the overall programme of work and activities. The UN Secretariat will briefly introduce this item*

- Cheehai Teo  
DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

10:30 a.m. – Refreshment break  
11:00 a.m.



11:00 a.m. – **Agenda item #8 - Consideration and development of a medium term and annual programme of work and activities**  
 12:30 p.m.

*The meeting will continue its consideration of this agenda item*

*Chair:*

*co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee*

Proposed programme of work and activities of the UN-GGKIC: IAC

*The meeting will continue its consideration and develop its guidance and advice on a feasible programme of work and activities for the short and medium term and to prioritize activities as appropriate.*

12:30 p.m. – Lunch

14:00 p.m.

14:00 p.m. – **Agenda item #9 – Summary, way forward and close**

15:30 p.m. *The UN Secretariat will assist the co-Chairs of UN-GGKIC: IAC to prepare and deliver a set of summary outcomes including way forward reflecting the discussion and recommendations of UN-GGKIC. The meeting will consider entrusting the co-Chairs to finalize the outcomes of the meeting and its next meeting(s), both virtually and in-person. The meeting will close with some brief closing remarks.*

*Chair:*

*co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee*

Next meeting

*The meeting will consider its next meeting(s), virtual and in-person.*

Summary outcomes

*The meeting will consider a set of draft summary outcomes including way forward prepared by the co-Chairs with the assistance of the UN Secretariat as the outcome document of the meeting*

➤ tbc

co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee

Brief closing remarks

➤ Greg Scott

DESA/SD/Global Geospatial Information Management Section

➤ tbc

co-Chairs, UN-GGKIC International Advisory Committee

15:30 p.m. – Refreshment break

16:00 p.m.

(09 April 2023)

