

# Third Plenary Meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF).

INEGI, Aguascalientes, México

22 – 23 January 2024

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## General Information

The HLG-IGIF is implementing its Strategic Plan and Plan of Work to provide the strategic leadership, promotion, coordination, planning and oversight to successfully sustain the uptake and implementation of the UN-IGIF globally. The UN-IGIF now serves as a key umbrella framework for many of the activities under the UN-GGIM program of work, including its regional committees, thematic groups, and functional groups, playing a pivotal role in strengthening nationally integrated geospatial information management, guiding transformational change, and advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in all countries.

The HLG-IGIF Strategic Plan has six strategic goals. In 2021, the group prioritized three goals for immediate action: Improve Communications, Strengthen Capacity Development, and Mobilize Sustainable Funding. At its First Plenary Meeting April 26-28, 2022, the HLG-IGIF approved a Plan of Work for the prioritized goals and created three work groups to begin advancing the work. Since then, the HLG-IGIF has made significant progress against the three prioritized goals.

During the Third Plenary meeting, the HLG-IGIF will consider the remaining three goals and the work group structure needed to successfully move forward. The HLG-IGIF will consider the progress, challenges, and support needs of the work groups, regional committees, and Member States advancing the UN-IGIF and identify key areas to prioritize as the HLG-IGIF moves forward to incorporate the upcoming three strategic goals into the Plan of Work and work group structure in 2024.

## Health and Safety

Participants may wish to note the COVID-19 guidance for the meetings and events at the UNHQ complex. Although the risk from COVID-19 has decreased substantially in comparison to previous years, there remains some risk to activities inside the UNHQ complex. New variants continue to emerge, and the following guidance is provided as a reminder in order to maintain operations and meet our Organizational goal of a safe and healthy workplace.

Anyone who develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should test before entering the premises or, if on-site, immediately leave the premises, isolate and test (either by antigen or PCR test).

- Those who test **negative** may end isolation, but are encouraged to get a PCR test, to ensure that the negative result is a true negative.
- Those who test **positive** must isolate for 5 days, followed by using high quality mask for 5 days, in accordance with local guidelines.
- Further detail is available from the [CDC](#).

Furthermore, each individual is responsible for managing their own risk according to their own risk profile – to clean a shared workspace before using it, to wear a mask if they are concerned about airborne exposure, to limit exposure to crowds, to be vaccinated etc.

Note there are no UN requirements for mask use, for distancing, for meeting attendance restrictions or room occupancy (except the fire safety occupancy limits), or for vaccination status in any attendee.

## Provisional Agenda

- Agenda 1. (a) Welcome, background and introductions
- Agenda 1. (b) Adoption of Agenda, organization of the meeting, related organizational matters and announcements
- Agenda 2. Setting the scene: HLG-IGIF Overview
- Agenda 3. Work Group Updates
- Agenda 4. Planning for Actioning the Strategic Goals
- Agenda 5. Regional Committee Chair Updates
- Agenda 6. Approaches and Resources to Support the UN-IGIF
- Agenda 7. Member State Experiences Utilizing the UN-IGIF
- Agenda 8. Future Vision and Priorities
- Agenda 9. Summary, next steps and close

## Organization of the Meeting

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

### **Monday, 22 January 2024**

Session 1: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

### **Tuesday, 23 January 2024**

Session 2: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Session 3: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### **Monday, 22 January 2024**

#### **Session 1: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

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1:30 pm - **Agenda 1. (a) Welcome, background and introductions**  
2:00 pm

Facilitated by:

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

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

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

Facilitated by:

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

*Note:*

*(i) During this segment, the Co-Chairs will provide brief opening remarks, introduce members of the HLG-IGIF, and highlight what is to be accomplished collectively within these two days.*

*(ii) This segment will adopt the agenda for the third plenary meeting, agree on the organization of the meeting, and include announcements, if any, by INEGI and/or the UN-GGIM Secretariat.*

2:00 pm – **Agenda 2. Setting the scene: HLG-IGIF Overview**  
2:30pm

Presentation

Presenter:

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

*Notes:*

*(i) This segment provides an overview of the HLG-IGIF, recent changes in its makeup and leadership, progress against the three prioritized goals, upcoming goals, and what we have learned about how the UN-IGIF is being operationalized by Member States.*

2:30 pm – **Agenda 3. Work Group Updates**  
3:15 pm

Presentations and Facilitated Discussion

Facilitated by:

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Presenters:

Mr. Jamie Clark, Co-Lead, Communications Work Group

Mr. Sergio Cimbaro, Co-Lead, Capacity Development Work Group

Ms. Mimi Chauke/Ms. Odete Semiao, Co-Leads, Sustainable Funding Work Group

*Note:*

*(i) This segment discusses the progress and accomplishments of the HLG-IGIF vis-à-vis its three prioritized goals and work groups since the Thirteenth Session and challenges they may have faced advancing their work plans.*

*(ii) This segment will also consider opportunities to improve collaboration and exchange of information across work groups, and provide an opportunity for the Co-Leads to share what they need from other work groups, the HLG-IGIF, and regional committees.*

3:15 pm – **Break**  
3:30 pm

3:30 pm – **Agenda 4. Planning for Actioning the Strategic Goals**  
4:50 pm

Short presentation followed by facilitated break out groups with report back.

Presenters:

Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, HLG-IGIF Co-Chair

Fernand Guy Isseri, HLG-IGIF Co-Chair

*Notes:*

*(i) The HLG-IGIF Strategic Plan outlines six Strategic Goals. In 2021, the HLG-IGIF prioritized three goals for immediate action: Communications, Capacity Development, and Sustainable Funding. In early 2022, three work groups were formed to develop and advance the HLG-IGIF Plan of Work for the three priority goals. Significant work has been accomplished on the three priority goals during 2022-2023.*

*(ii) In this segment, the HLG-IGIF will consider the three remaining goals and how they will be actioned including, as appropriate, updating the current Plan of Work.*

*(iii) Three breakout groups will consider the three prioritized goals and the three remaining goals of the HLG-IGIF Strategic Plan and will report back with recommendations including*

*work group structure needed to support implementation of all six goals. Existing work group structures and work plans will be updated later based on recommendations from this session.*

*(iv) Participants will be notified of the groups they are assigned to.*

- *Breakout group #1 facilitated by Mr. Jamie Clark*
- *Breakout group #2 facilitated by Mr. Sergio Cimbaro*
- *Breakout group #3 facilitated by: Ms. Mimi Chauke/Ms. Odete Semiao*

4:50 pm **Day 1 Wrap-up**

*(i) The Co-Chairs will briefly summarize the discussions and quickly review the organization of the meeting for the next day.*

**Tuesday, 23 January 2024**  
**Session 2: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm**

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9:00 am **Day 2 Introduction**

*(ii) The Co-Chairs will briefly recap key elements of the discussions from Day 1 and also recap the organization of the meeting for the day.*

9:10 am – **Agenda 5. Regional Committee Chair Updates**

10:30 am

Presentations and facilitated discussion.

Facilitated by:

Mr. Jamie Clark, Co-Lead, Communications Work Group

Presenters:

Regional Committee Chairs and Presidents

*Notes:*

- (i) Since the Thirteenth Session, many Regional Committees have held their annual meetings, conducted UN-IGIF Workshops or SDG Data Alliance meetings. There have also been significant efforts by the Regional Committees to improve collaboration and the exchange of information and ideas to advance the UN-IGIF.*
- (ii) This segment will provide short presentations by the Regional Committee Chairs/Presidents on regional activities to enhance national geospatial information management leveraging the UN-IGIF since the Thirteenth Session, and their experiences sharing and collaborating across regions to advance and promote the operationalization of the UN-IGIF at the country-level.*
- (iii) Regional Committee Chairs/Presidents are encouraged to share their views with respect to the six Strategic Goals and link to their regional needs and priorities.*
- (iv) The presentations will be followed by facilitated discussion on collaboration opportunities, leveraging regional UN-IGIF working groups, and discussions on any upcoming plans for advancing the UN-IGIF in their regions.*

10:30 am – **Break**

11:00 am

11:00 am - **Agenda 6. Approaches and Resources to Support the UN-IGIF**

12:30 pm

Presentations followed by facilitated discussion.

Facilitated by:

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

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Presenters: (tbc)

Sergio Cimbaro, Co-Lead, Capacity Development Work Group

Rolando Ocampo Alcántar, ECLAC

Alvaro Monett, ECLAC

*Notes:*

- (i) This segment will discuss the approaches, support materials, and training available to support Member States in their efforts to operationalize the UN-IGIF at the country-level.*
- (ii) Different approaches will be highlighted including: 1) The World Bank approach that provides a 3 step process, a set of diagnostic tools (often linked to financing), and a suite of online learning modules, 2) The UN Recommended Approach to Design and Develop a Country-level Action Plan, a self-paced learn and discover approach with a suite of resource materials and training support from the Secretariat and the SDG Data Alliance, and 3) Hybrid and other approaches and support being utilized to advance the UN-IGIF in Member States.*
- (iii) This segment will also highlight the results from the global UN-IGIF Survey on who is utilizing the UN-IGIF, how they are utilizing it, and the approaches and materials used on their UN-IGIF journey.*
- (iv) The segment will discuss key observations and takeaways from the global survey, consider and recommend improvements to the approaches, support materials, and training to further enhance national geospatial information management and to accelerate the achievement of national development priorities and the SDGs.*

12:30 pm – **Lunch break**  
1:30 pm

1:30 pm – **Agenda 7. Member State Experiences Utilizing the UN-IGIF**  
3:00 pm

Presentations followed by facilitated open discussion.

Facilitated by:

Mr. Greg Scott, Executive Director, SDG Data Alliance

Panelists:

*Suggested panelists are:*

- Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe (Belgium)
- Mr. Fernand Isseri (Cameroon)
- Mr. Antonius Wijanarto (Indonesia)
- Ms. Eva Luévano Orta (México)
- Mr. Mohammad AlSayel (Saudi Arabia)

*Notes:*

- (i) This segment will focus on presentations from Member States advancing the UN-IGIF who will share their experiences, approaches utilized, and collaborations and partnerships to advance their work. Member States will share why they utilized the specific approach they chose, advantages and challenges of the approach, and recommendations for others starting their UN-IGIF journey.*
- (ii) Presentations will be followed by discussion on Member States experiences.*

3:00 pm – **Break**  
3:15 pm

3:15 pm – **Agenda 8. Future Vision and Priorities**  
4:30 pm

Break out groups with report back.

Facilitated by:

Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF  
Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

*Notes:*

- (i) This segment will focus on addressing the strategic direction and top priorities for the HLG-IGIF.*
- (ii) Three break out groups will consider what they heard regarding the current and upcoming goals, work group structure, UN-IGIF survey results, Member State experiences utilizing the UN-IGIF, collaborations and support, and the current HLG-IGIF strategic direction.*
- (iii) Break out groups will then outline the top three priorities they would like to see the HLG-IGIF accomplish in the next 18 months.*

4:30 pm – **Agenda 9. Summary, next steps and close**  
5:00 pm

- (i) The Co-Chairs may invite a few participants to express their views on the strategic direction and priority actions for the HLG-IGIF.*
- (ii) The HLG-IGIF may attend to any of its outstanding or other business.*
- (iii) The Co-Chairs of the HLG-IGIF will provide their summary of key takeaways and outcomes of the meeting over the last two days, next steps and decisions of the HLG-IGIF noting that the mandate of the HLG-IGIF with a membership with balanced geographical representation and expertise, is a mechanism to provide strategic leadership, coordination and oversight in order to ensure the sustained success of the UN-IGIF, and to mobilize the resources necessary to maintain the momentum and refinement of the UN-IGIF as a continuously evolving process.*
- (iv) HLG-IGIF Co-Chairs will close the meeting.*