



Forum Chair: Ms. Paloma Merodio
Vice President, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), Mexico

DRAFT AGENDA (as of 30 September 2024)

TUESDAY 8 October	
07:30-08:30	Registration of Participants
08:30-09:30	Opening Ceremony
	Moderator: Ms. Paloma Merodio, Forum Chair and Vice President, INEGI, Mexico
	Welcome Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente Ramírez, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico • H.E. Edna Elena Vega Rangel, Vice Minister of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development, Mexico • Mr. Peter Grohmann, Resident Coordinator, United Nations in Mexico • H.E. Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations (<i>video</i>) • Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division, DESA
	Opening Keynote Address: H.E. Ambassador Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations (<i>video</i>)
09:30-10:00	BREAK
10:00-11:00	Keynote Day 1 H.E. Ms. Alicia Bárcena Ibarra, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico
11:00-12:00	LUNCH
	DAY 1 - “Accelerating Implementation for the 2030 Agenda and Beyond”
12:00-13:30	Session 1 Accelerating implementation with the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework
	Moderator and Introductory address: Ms. Deirdre Bishop, Chief, Geography Division, US Census Bureau, United States of America Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alue Dohong, Vice Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia • Ms. Maroale Chauke, Director, National Spatial Information Framework, South Africa

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Valrie Grant, Strategic Advisor, Geospatial Matters, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
	Interactive questions and answers with the audience Session summary
13:30-14:00	BREAK
14:00-15:30	Session 2 Barriers to implementation - preparing for the future
	<p>Moderator: Mr. Tim Trainor, Strategic Advisor and Immediate Past President, International Cartographic Association, Member U.S. National Geospatial Advisory Committee</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maroale Chauke, Director, National Spatial Information Framework, South Africa Ms. Sofia Nilo Crisóstomo, Executive Secretary, Ministry of National Assets Chile Mr. Walter Myers, Executive Director, National Geographic Institute, Panama Ms. Tania Villa, Director General of Spectrum Planning, Federal Telecommunications Institute, Mexico
	Interactive questions and answers with the audience Session summary
15:30-16:00	<p>Moderator: Ms. Olivia Powell, Head of GEO at Office of National Statistics, United Kingdom</p> <p>The UN Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Li Pengde, Head, UN Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGIC) <p>Accelerating SDG Implementation in Deqing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bo Wang, Mayor of Deqing County, China
WEDNESDAY 9 October	
	DAY 2 - "Achieving a resilient planet with geospatial information"
08:00-09:30	Session 3 Understanding and communicating climate risk using geospatial data The Hon. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister, Barbados (<i>Video</i>)
	<p>Moderators: Convenors of the Task Team on Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience Mr. David Henderson, United Kingdom Ms. Michelle St. Clair, Barbados</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Belgium, co-Chair UN-GGIM Mr. Bert Kroese, Chief Statistician, International Monetary Fund Ms. Alba Aguilar, Director, Mexican Sustainable Finance Council, Mexico
09:30-10:00	BREAK
10:00-11:00	Keynote Day 2 Mr. Bert Kroese, Chief Statistician, International Monetary Fund
11:00-12:00	LUNCH
12:00-13:30	Session 4 Geospatial information for climate planning and decision-making <i>Video: Prince Emmanuel de Merode, Virunga National Park</i>

	<p>Moderators: Mr. David Henderson, United Kingdom Ms. Michelle St. Clair, Barbados</p>
	<p><i>Protecting Our Coasts and Oceans Using Geospatial Information</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study 1: Mr. James Norris, Ordnance Survey, United Kingdom
	<p><i>Protecting our communities with geospatial information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study 2: Ms. María Silvia Céspedes Sepúlveda, Co-Coordinator of the Group for Effective Land Administration for the Americas and Coordinator of Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Ministry of National Assets, Chile • Case Study 3: Mr. Clinton Heimann, Deputy Director General, National Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa
	<p><i>Using Geospatial Information to Deliver Nature-Based Solutions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study 4: Ms. Blanca Estela Sánchez Reyes, Mbis Bin Seed for Sowing, Mexico • Case Study 5: Mr. Steven Krekels, Director Environmental Intelligence, VITO, Belgium
	<p>Interactive questions and answers with the audience Session summary</p>
13:30-14:00	BREAK
14:00-15:30	<p>Session 5 Geospatial capacity development, tools and partnerships to improve climate resilience</p>
	<p>Moderator: Ms. Macarena Pérez, Liaison Director, Institute for Disaster Resilience, Chile</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. María Abigail Timbawala, Leadership Fellow, YouthMappers, Jamaica Chapter • Mr. David Elegbede, Chair, FIG African Young Surveyors Network • Ms. Miriam González, Co-Founder GeoChicas • Ms. Patricia Solis, Executive Director, Knowledge Exchange and Resilience, Arizona State University, President PAIGH and Co-Founder and Director of YouthMappers • Mr. Fernand Bale, co-Chair UN-GGIM, Director National Office of Technical Studies and Development, Côte d'Ivoire
	<p>Session and day summary Convenor of the Task Team on Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience Mr. Viliami Folau, Tonga</p>
THURSDAY 10 October	
	DAY 3 - “Building a sustainable future: Innovation, Technology and AI”
08:00-09:30	<p>Session 6 The future geospatial ecosystem</p>
	<p>Session Introduction: H.E. Dr Mohammed Alsayel, Chair UN-GGIM Arab States & President GEOSA, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Opening Remarks: H.E. Mr. Mzwanele Nyhontso, Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Prof Dr Zaffar Mohamed-Ghouse, Chair Private Sector Network, Vice President and Director, Advisory and Innovation, Woolpert Asia Pacific</p>

	<p>Panel session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr Mohammed Alsayel, President, General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia • Ms. Melanie Hutchinson, Head of International, Geospatial Commission, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, United Kingdom • Dr. Thibaud Henin, Natural Resources Canada, Canada • Mr. Kevin Pomfret, Executive Director, Centre for Spatial Law and Policy • Mr. Joseph Seppi, Senior Vice President, Geospatial Sector Leader Woolpert USA <p>Summary and closing</p>
09:30-10:00	BREAK
10:00-11:00	<p>Keynote Day 3</p> <p>Mr. Mario Maniewicz, Director Radiocommunication Sector, ITU (<i>Video</i>)</p> <p>Mr. Ian Schuler, CEO, Development Seed</p>
11:00-12:00	LUNCH
12:00-14:00	<p>Session 7</p> <p>The rise of AI, Big Data, and data analytics: The digital infrastructure of the future</p> <p>Moderator</p> <p>Mr. Ian Schuler, CEO, Development Seed</p> <p>Part 1 – The Nexus of Land, Policy and Legal, and AI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Frank Tierloff, Kadaster, Netherlands and Mr. Joep Cromptvoets, KU Leuven <p>Part 2 – Partnerships that accelerate solving global challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Celina Lee, CEO, Zindi and Linda Peters, ESRI <p>Part 3 – Decision-making in an era of AI that ensures that no-one is left behind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pierre Chrzanowski, Disaster Risk Management Specialist, GFDRR, World Bank <p>Interactive questions and answers with the audience</p> <p>Session summary</p>
14:00-14:30	BREAK
14:30-15:30	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mr. Fernand Eanes Bale, co-Chair UN-GGIM</p> <p>Closing Keynote Address:</p> <p>Ms. Mollie Van Gordon, Senior Program Officer - Geospatial Insights, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</p>
	<p>Report of the conference:</p> <p>Ms. Paloma Merodio, INEGI, Mexico</p>
	<p>Closing Statements and Thanks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, co-Chair UN-GGIM, Administrator General, Institut Géographique National, Belgium • Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division