



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

**DRAFT AGENDA (as of 9 October 2024)**

TUESDAY 8 October	
07:30-08:30	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
08:30-09:30	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
	<b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Paloma Merodio, Forum Chair and Vice President, INEGI, Mexico
	<b>Welcome Statements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms. Alicia Bárcena Ibarra, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico</li> <li>• Mr. Peter Grohmann, Resident Coordinator, United Nations in Mexico</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations <i>(video)</i></li> <li>• Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division, DESA</li> <li>• H.E. Ambassador Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations <i>(video)</i></li> </ul>
09:30-10:30	<b>Keynote Day 1</b> H.E. Ms. Alicia Bárcena Ibarra, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico
10:30-11:00	<b>BREAK</b>
	<b>DAY 1 - “Accelerating Implementation for the 2030 Agenda and Beyond”</b>
11:00-12:30	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Accelerating implementation with the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework</b>
	<b>Moderator and Introductory address:</b> Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Chief, Geography Division, US Census Bureau, United States of America and co-Chair UN-GGIM <b>Panel Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Belinda Margono, Executive Secretary, National Geospatial Information Agency (BIG), Indonesia</li> <li>• Ms. Maroale Chauke, Director, National Spatial Information Framework, South Africa</li> <li>• Ms. Valrie Grant, Strategic Advisor, Geospatial Matters, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States</li> </ul>

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

11:00-12:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:00-13:30	<b>Session 4</b> <b>Geospatial information for climate planning and decision-making</b> Prince Emmanuel de Merode, Virunga National Park ( <i>Video</i> )
	<b>Moderator</b> Mr. James Norris, Ordnance Survey, United Kingdom
	<b><i>Protecting our communities with geospatial information</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Study 1: Mr. Clinton Heimann, Deputy Director General, National Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
	<b><i>Using Geospatial Information to Deliver Nature-Based Solutions:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Study 3: Ms. Blanca Estela Sánchez Reyes, Mbis Bin Seed for Sowing, Mexico</li> <li>• Case Study 4: Mr. Steven Krekels, Director Environmental Intelligence, VITO, Belgium</li> </ul>
	Interactive questions and answers with the audience <b>Session summary</b>
13:30-14:00	<b>BREAK</b>
14:00-16:00	<b>Session 5</b> <b>Geospatial capacity development, tools and partnerships to improve climate resilience</b>
	<b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Macarena Pérez, Liaison Director, Institute for Disaster Resilience, Chile
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. David Elegbede, Chair, FIG African Young Surveyors Network</li> <li>• Ms. Miriam González, Co-Founder GeoChicas</li> <li>• Ms. María Abigail Timbawala, Leadership Fellow, YouthMappers, Jamaica Chapter</li> <li>• Ms. Patricia Solis, Executive Director, Knowledge Exchange and Resilience, Arizona State University, President PAIGH and Co-Founder and Director of YouthMappers</li> <li>• Mr. Fernand Bale, co-Chair UN-GGIM, Director, National Office of Technical Studies and Development, Côte d'Ivoire</li> </ul>
	<b>Session and day summary</b> Ms. Macarena Pérez, Liaison Director, Institute for Disaster Resilience, Chile
<b>THURSDAY 10 October</b>	
<b>DAY 3 - "Building a sustainable future: Innovation, Technology and AI"</b>	
08:00-09:30	<b>Session 6</b> <b>The future geospatial ecosystem</b>
	Session Introduction: H.E. Mohammed Alsayel, Chair UN-GGIM Arab States & President GEOSA, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Opening Remarks: H.E. Mzwanele Nyhontso, Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa  Moderator: Mr. Zaffar Mohamed-Ghouse, Chair Private Sector Network, Vice President and Director, Advisory and Innovation, Woolpert Asia Pacific

	<p>Panel session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mohammed Alsayel, President, General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• Ms. Melanie Hutchinson, Head of International, Geospatial Commission, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Mr. Thibaud Henin, Natural Resources Canada, Canada</li> <li>• Mr. Kevin Pomfret, Executive Director, Centre for Spatial Law and Policy</li> <li>• Mr. Joseph Seppi, Senior Vice President, Geospatial Sector Leader Woolpert USA</li> </ul> <p>Summary and closing</p>
09:30-10:00	<b>BREAK</b>
10:00-11:00	<p><b>Keynote Day 3</b></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	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:00-14:00	<p><b>Session 7</b></p> <p><b>The rise of AI, Big Data, and data analytics: The digital infrastructure of the future</b></p>
	<p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p>Mr. Ian Schuler, CEO, Development Seed</p>
	<p><b>Part 1 – The Nexus of Land, Policy and Legal, and AI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Frank Tierolff, Kadaster, Netherlands and Mr. Joep Cromptvoets, KU Leuven</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Part 2 – Partnerships that accelerate solving global challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Celina Lee, CEO, Zindi and Linda Peters, Esri</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Part 3 – Decision-making in an era of AI that ensures that no-one is left behind</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Pierre Chrzanowski, Disaster Risk Management Specialist, GFDRR, World Bank</li> </ul>
	<p>Interactive questions and answers with the audience</p> <p><b>Session summary</b></p>
14:00-14:30	<b>BREAK</b>
14:30-16:00	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p>Mr. Fernand Eanes Bale, co-Chair UN-GGIM</p>
	<p><b>Closing Keynote Address:</b></p> <p>Ms. Mollie Van Gordon, Senior Program Officer - Geospatial Insights, Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation</p>
	<p><b>Report of the conference:</b></p> <p>Ms. Paloma Merodio, INEGI, Mexico</p>
	<p><b>Closing Statements and Thanks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, co-Chair UN-GGIM, Administrator General, Institut Géographique National, Belgium</li> <li>• Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division</li> </ul>