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Dear Colleagues,

Seventh High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management

*Mexico City, Mexico
8-10 October 2024*

We are pleased to announce that the Seventh High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management will be held from 8 to 10 October 2024, at the Sheraton Mexico City Maria Isabel Hotel, Mexico City, Mexico.

The Seventh High-level Forum is being staged by the United Nations Statistics Division as the secretariat to the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, in collaboration with the Government of Mexico through the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) whose Vice President, Ms. Paloma Merodio is the Forum's chair. The Forum has the substantive support from each of the five United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees (UN-GGIM: Africa, UN-GGIM: Americas, UN-GGIM: Arab States, UN-GGIM-AP, and UN-GGIM: Europe), and also from the functional groups and thematic networks of the Committee of Experts.

The staging of High-level Forums has become a standard event on the calendar of the Committee of Experts since the first event in October 2011 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. These forums are held in fulfilment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2011/24, which encourages the convening of regular high-level, multi-stakeholder global forums to promote comprehensive dialogue on global geospatial information management with all relevant actors and bodies. As per the resolution, the Forum also serves as a mechanism to promote national, regional, and global efforts that foster the exchange of knowledge and expertise to assist developing countries in developing and strengthening national capacities in geospatial information management. The Seventh High-level Forum will progress work program objectives and decisions emanating from the formal inter-governmental sessions of the Committee of Experts and will provide inputs to the 2025 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

With an overarching theme '**Accelerating Implementation: Achieving Resilience**', the Seventh High Level Forum seeks to discuss, and address the use of geospatial information to understand, communicate and manage climate-related issues and challenges, accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF), explore strategies on developing geospatial capacity, leveraging innovative tools and technologies, and fostering partnerships towards delivering positive national social, economic and environmental outcomes.

The Forum will bring together high-level policy makers and senior government officials with scientists, engineers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and representatives of science and technology communities, the UN system and international organizations in Mexico City to facilitate the strengthening of networks and the sharing and dissemination of knowledge, good practices, approaches and strategies towards advancing national developmental priorities and the 2030 Agenda.

We are delighted to send you this announcement, and kindly ask that you mark your calendar accordingly. In an effort to inform a wide cross section of the professional geospatial information management community, we ask that you share this information with relevant government agencies and other relevant stakeholders in your country. The concept note as well as other information on this Seventh High-level Forum will be gradually posted on the event's web-page at https://ggim.un.org/meetings/2024/7th_HLF_Mexico.

Should you have questions regarding the Seventh High Level Forum, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Cecille Blake (email: blake1@un.org) and Ms. Vilma Frani (email: frani@un.org). For information regarding the local logistical arrangements, please contact Ms. Gabriela García from INEGI (email: gabriela.seco@inegi.org.mx). Together with our host, we look forward to welcoming you to the Seventh High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, as we work to advance the use of geospatial information in accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieving resilience.

Yours sincerely,



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