



Expert Consultation and Meetings on enhancing geospatial information management arrangements and accelerating the implementation of the SDGs

including the third plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, the meeting of the Expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts, and the meeting and workshops of the SDG Data Alliance

Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI)

Opening Segment

22 January 2024 (morning)

Background

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) welcomed and noted the report from the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management ([E/2022/68](#)) and adopted resolution [E/RES/2022/24](#) entitled ‘Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements.’ The resolution acknowledged the achievements and progress made by the Committee recognizing their contributions to strengthening geospatial information management capacities and utilization, particularly in developing countries. The resolution reiterated the importance of strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness of the Committee, especially in the context of the SDGs and the UN-IGIF, to ensure that it continues to benefit all Member States. The programme of work of the Committee continually seek to enhance global geospatial information management arrangements, particularly leveraging the UN-IGIF, toward the implementation of the SDGs and national priorities, and contribute to [decision 13/101 \(h\)](#). This decision recognized the efforts of developing countries to enhance and support the leadership roles within national geospatial and mapping agencies to ensure that effective geospatial information management contributes to increased geospatial capacities and capabilities, and shared knowledge for geospatial enablement across and within Member States.

This opening segment of the five-day event seeks to share knowledge and experiences aimed at strengthening nationally integrated geospatial capacities and capabilities and encouraging leadership. It will including a formal opening portion with welcome and opening remarks.

Provisional annotated agenda

09:00 - 09:30	Introduction, welcome and opening addresses	<i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Luis Gerardo Esparza
	Introduction and welcome by host	Mr. Luis Gerardo Esparza General Director of Geography and Environment, INEGI
	Welcome address by UN-GGIM Secretariat	Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD/UN-GGIM Secretariat
	Welcome address by UN-GGIM Bureau	Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Administrateur-general, NGI Belgium/ UN-GGIM Co-Chair
	Opening address by INEGI, Mexico	Ms. Paloma Merodio Gomez, Vice-President, INEGI UN-GGIM Co-Chair
	<i>* There will be a photography session at the end of this portion of the Opening Segment</i>	





09:30 - 10:30	Presentations: Enhancing nationally integrated geospatial information management	<i>Moderator:</i> <i>Mr. Stefan Schweinfest</i>
	Geospatial information and statistics accelerating the implementation of national development priorities and the SDGs - Experiences and perspectives from Mexico	Ms. Paloma Merodio Gomez, Vice-President, INEGI
	Using Geospatial Information and Technologies to Advance U.S. National Priorities	Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Chief of Geography Division, US Census Bureau
	Partnerships for enhancing nationally integrated geospatial information management and accelerating the implementation of the SDGs	Mr. Greg Scott, Executive Director, SDG Data Alliance Public Foundation
10:30 - 11:00	Break	
11:00 - 11:30	Presentations: Enhancing nationally integrated geospatial information management – role of the UN geospatial centres of excellence	<i>Moderator:</i> <i>Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe</i>
	Geospatial knowledge and innovation for enhancing nationally integrated geospatial information management to accelerate the implementation of national development priorities and the SDGs	Mr. Pengde Li, Head of Centre, UN Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre
	Robust global geodesy supply chain for enhancing nationally integrated geospatial information management to accelerate the implementation of national development priorities and the SDGs	Mr. Nick Brown, Head of Office, UN Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence
11:30 - 12:30	Panel discussions: Enhancing nationally integrated geospatial information management – role of the regional committees of UN-GGIM	<i>Moderator:</i> <i>Mr. CheeHai Teo</i>
	Initiatives and efforts, opportunities and challenges of regional committees of UN-GGIM towards enhancing nationally integrated geospatial information management and accelerating the implementation of national development priorities and the SDGs	<i>Panelists:</i> Ms. Marolae Chauke, Director, National Spatial Information Framework, South Africa/UN-GGIM: Africa Ms. Sofia Nilo Crisostomo, Executive Secretary, IDE de Chile/UN-GGIM: Americas Mr. Mohammed Alsayel, President GEOSA, Saudi Arabia/UN-GGIM: Arab States Mr. Antonius B Wijanarto, Deputy Chair for Thematic Geospatial Information, BIG Indonesia/UN-GGIM-AP Mr. Frank Tierloff, Chair Executive Board, Kadaster, The Netherlands/UN-GGIM: Europe
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break	

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