



**Expert Consultation and Meeting on Enhancing Geospatial Information Management Arrangements and Accelerating the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals together with the Sub-regional Workshop on United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for the Caribbean**

*The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management Mandates and supporting countries in the implementation of the UN-IGIF*

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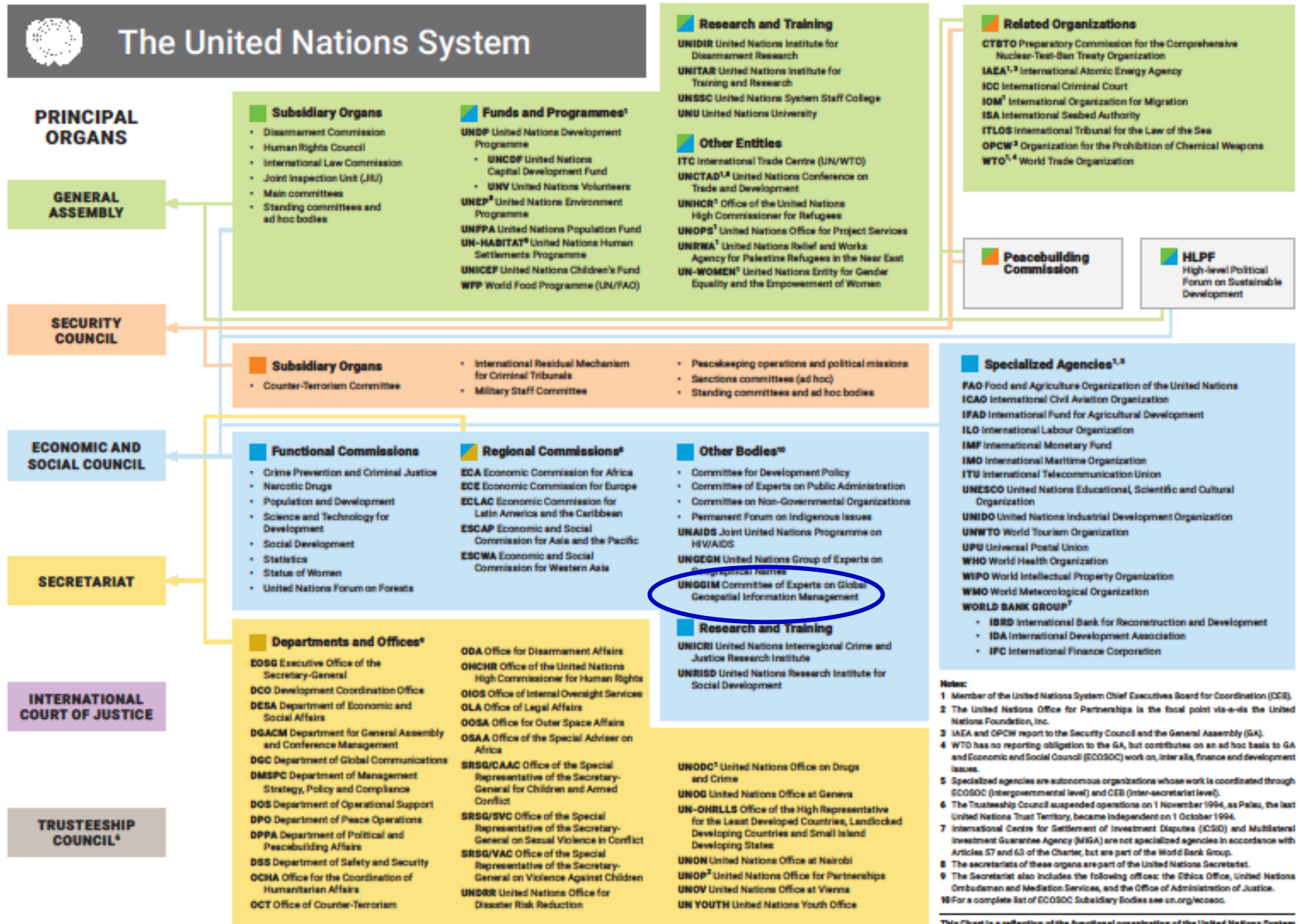
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The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management is a subsidiary expert body of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The Committee of Experts is the peak intergovernmental body to liaise and coordinate among Member States, and between Member States, international organizations and stakeholders, to foster better coordination and coherence in geospatial information management (E/RES/2011/27; E/RES/2016/27)



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## Objectives and functions

- ✓ Provide leadership to ensure that geospatial information and resources are coordinated, maintained, accessible and able to be leveraged by Member States and society to find sustainable solutions for social, economic and environmental development
- ✓ Provide a forum for coordination and dialogue with and among Member States, the regional committees and thematic networks of the Committee, and relevant international organizations, on enhanced cooperation in the field of global geospatial information management, and to make joint decisions and set directions
- ✓ Provide a platform for the development of effective strategies on how to develop, strengthen and enhance national capacity and leadership concerning geospatial information for the benefits of all Member States

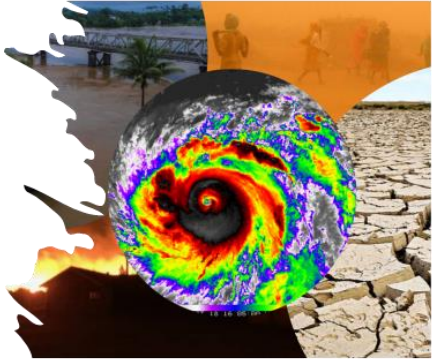
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The Committee of Experts transmitted to ECOSOC its report, pursuant to resolution [E/RES/2016/27](#) entitled ‘Enhancing global geospatial information management’ ([E/2022/68](#)) in June 2022. The comprehensive report described the process of ‘transition’ marking the Committee’s work, starting with an initial five-year period (2011 – 2016) on **establishment**; the report then detailed its second five-year period (2017-2021) on **institutionalization**; and then considers the Committee’s future in the coming five-year period – **on implementation of the Committee’s frameworks, anchored by the UN-IGIF.**

## Global Development Frameworks

## Global Geospatial Frameworks

### 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



### INTEGRATED GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FRAMEWORK (IGIF)





2022 session

Agenda item 18 (h)

Economic and environmental questions: geospatial information

**Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on  
22 July 2022***[on a proposal considered in plenary meeting (E/2022/L.26)]*

2022/24. Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements

4. *Reiterates* the importance of strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness of the Committee of Experts, particularly for the achievement of its operations focused on the ***Sustainable Development Goals*** and the ***Integrated Geospatial Information Framework***, to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States;

6. *Decides* to enhance the institutional arrangements of the Committee of Experts as a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council **in charge of all matters related to *geospatial information, geography, land administration and related topics***, in accordance with the terms of reference annexed to the present resolution;

7. *Also decides* to strengthen the work of the Committee of Experts, and requests the Secretary-General, in the context of his next budget proposal, to identify options to do so, within existing resources, including ***the establishment of a secretariat for the Committee, dedicated to the Committee's normative and implementation work on global geospatial information management***;

(E/RES/2022/24)



“In a world increasingly reliant on higher accuracy measurements and location-based services, **collaboration, coordination and coherence** in global geospatial information management is more important than ever before. The United Nations is the right place to foster the needed cooperation. However, the availability and accessibility of quality, timely and reliable geospatial information remains a challenge, as does the capacity of countries to produce the information they need.

Your important work on developing **consensus-based** norms and frameworks, together with your practical guidance, will allow Member States to strengthen and enhance their national geospatial capacities to measure progress, and to make progress towards a better world for all.”

Li Junhua,  
 Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations  
*Opening Remarks, Thirteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, 2 August 2023*



## Bureau:

Co-Chairs: Belgium, Cote d'Ivoire, United States of America

Rapporteur: Fiji

## Regional Committees & Chairs:

- Africa: South Africa
- Americas: Chile
- Arab States: Saudi Arabia
- Asia and the Pacific: Indonesia
- Europe: Netherlands and United Kingdom

## Thematic Networks:

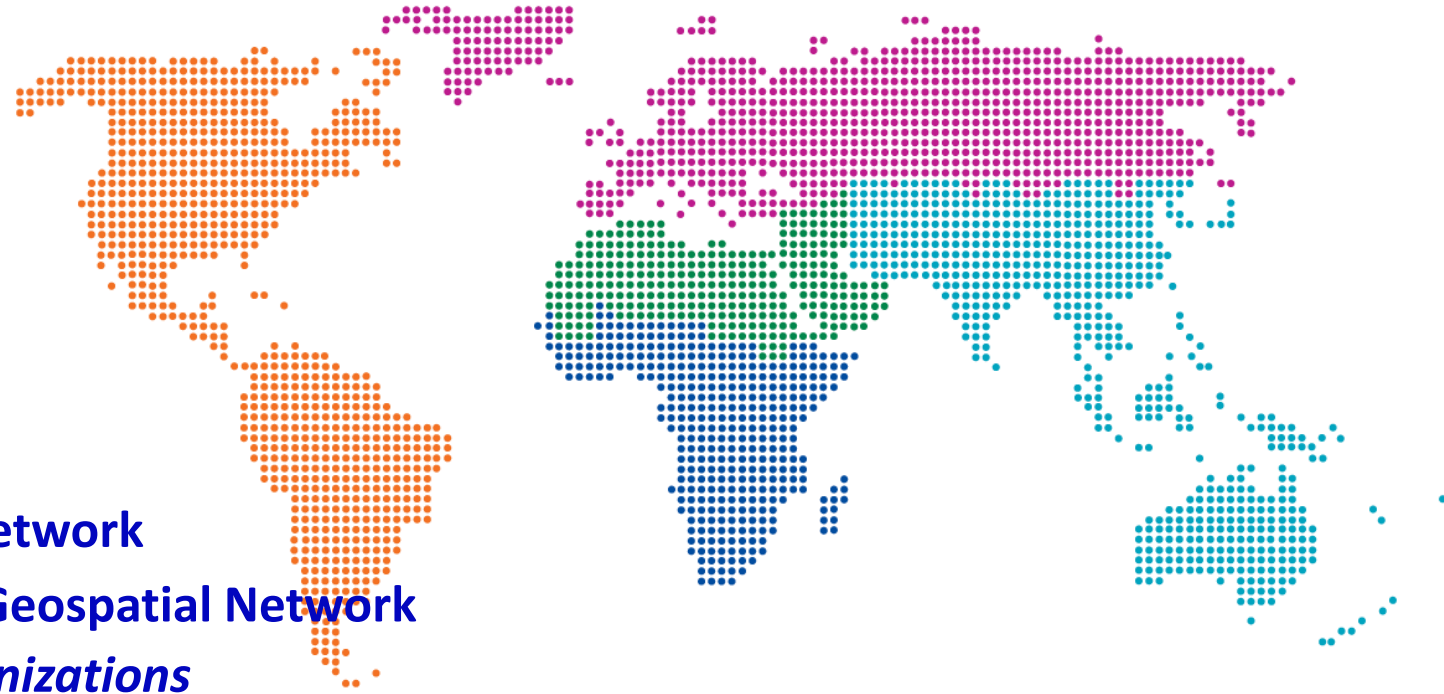
- Academic Network
- Private Sector Network
- Geospatial Societies
- United Nations Geospatial Network

## *International Standards Development Organizations*

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## Programme of Work of the Committee of Experts

- ✓ Operations focused on SDGs and UN-IGIF (E/RES/2022/24)
- ✓ Provide the forum for coordination and dialogue with and among Member States, and between Member States and relevant international organizations.
- ✓ Convene annual sessions, make joint decisions and set directions.
- ✓ Globally developed, consulted and consensus driven frameworks, norms, principles and guides
- ✓ Promote comprehensive dialogue, convene global forums
- ✓ Coordination and coherence, expert consultations and meeting

Leadership

Purpose

Relevance

Impact







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# **Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management**

**Report on the fourteenth session  
(7–9 August 2024)**

**Economic and Social Council**  
Official Records, 2025  
Supplement No. 26

**Matters calling for action by the Economic and  
Social Council or brought to its attention**

## **A. Draft decision for adoption by the Council**

1. The Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

**Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its fourteenth session and provisional agenda and dates of the fifteenth session of the Committee**

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its fourteenth session (E/2025/46);

(b) Decides that the fifteenth session of the Committee of Experts shall be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 6 to 8 August 2025;

(c) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifteenth session of the Committee of Experts as set out below:





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**Governance**



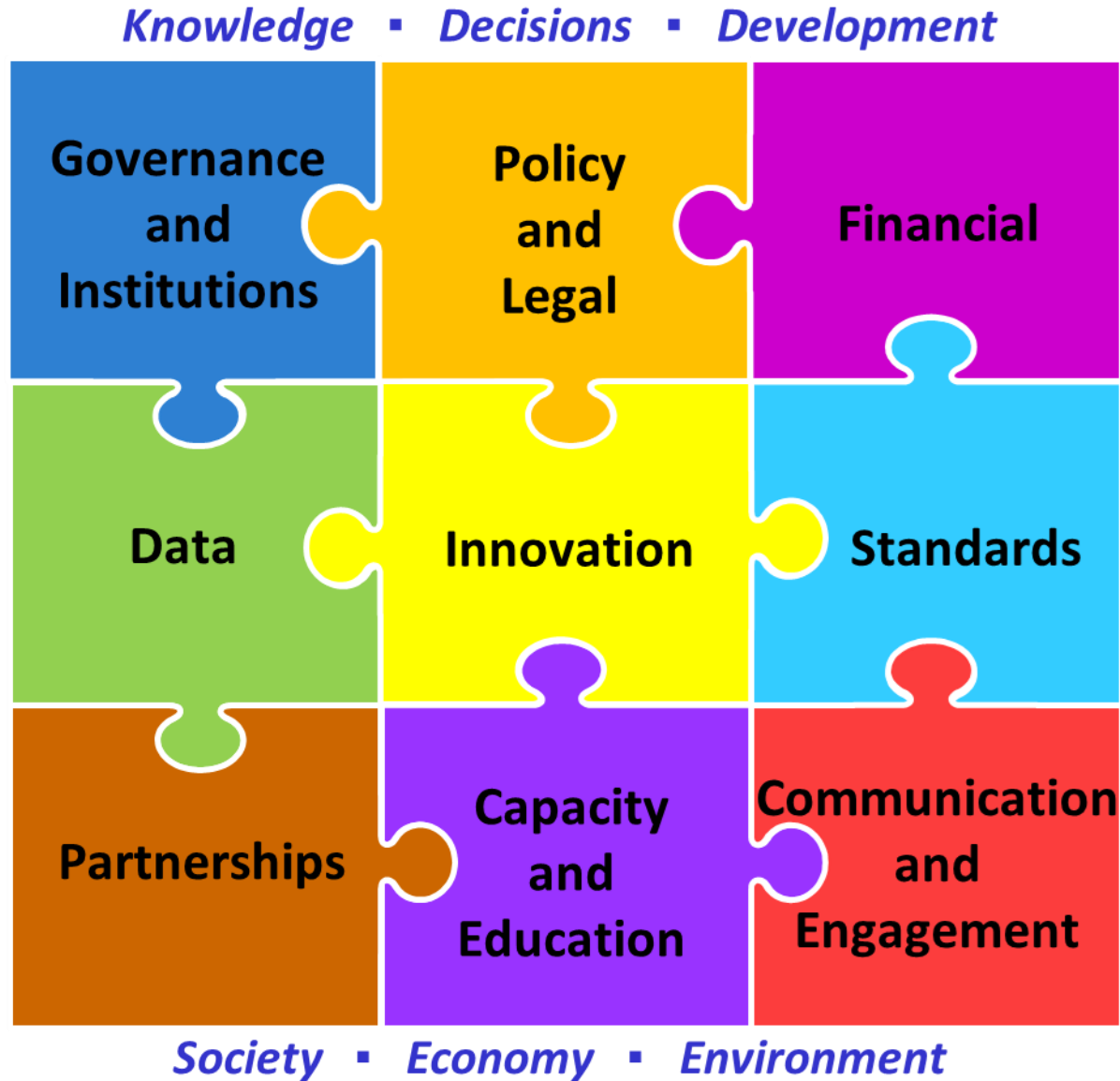
**Technology**



**People**



**Value** ▪ **Applications** ▪ **Technology**



**Users** ▪ **Citizens** ▪ **Access**



Anchored by nine Strategic Pathways, the UN-IGIF is a mechanism for articulating and demonstrating national leadership in geospatial information management, and the capacity to take positive steps



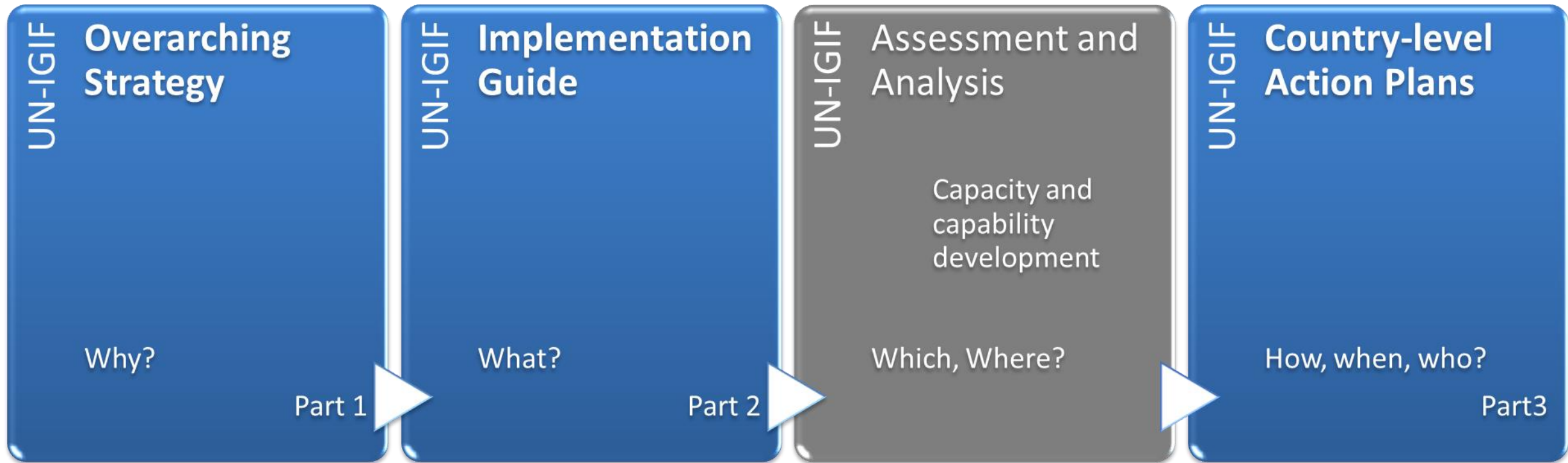
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# National Priorities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



The United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) is a multi-dimensional Framework aimed at enhancing national geospatial information management, particularly in developing countries. UN-IGIF focuses on the geospatial information that is integrated with any other meaningful data to solve societal and environmental problems, acts as a catalyst for economic growth and opportunity, and to understand, align, and contribute to the delivery of a country's development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals

Part 3  
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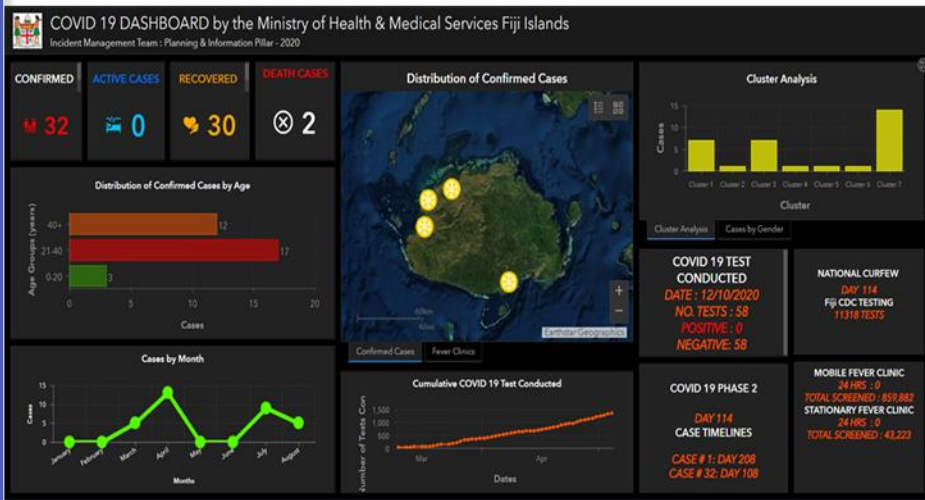




# Conclusion on Assessing and Analysing National Situation



- A shared understanding of Fiji’s current limitations and problems in geospatial information management
- Appreciation of the benefits of geospatial information to Fiji’s development initiatives, planning and decision making
- Common view of what the future geospatial information management in Fiji should include



# THANK YOU



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