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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 Pacific Island Countries and Territories; and the 2024 Plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council
‘Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions’

SPC Pasifika Conference Room, Suva, Fiji

11 – 15 November 2024

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Meeting Venue

The meetings will be held at SPC Pasifika Conference Room, Pacific Community, Lotus Building, Suva, Fiji.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

The provisional annotated agenda for this event, the expert consultation and meeting and sub-regional workshop, is coordinated with the Pacific Community and the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council, to include the annual plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council. The five-days will comprise a series of inter-connected and coordinated segments.

Monday 11 November 2024	
08:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.	Arrival of participants and registration
09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome, Opening and Introductions <i>Opening of the plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council and the Expert Consultation and Meeting on Enhancing Geospatial Information Management Arrangements with the Sub-regional Workshop on United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for the Pacific Island Countries and Territories</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Chair, Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council • Opening statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Director General, Pacific Community (SPC) • Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Representative, Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, Fiji • Announcements <i>Briefing to participants on the facilities and arrangements for the meeting, arrangements refreshment and lunch breaks and any relevant public health and safety announcements</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Representative, Geoscience, Energy and Maritime Division, Pacific

	<p>Community (SPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions <i>Participants to briefly introduce themselves.</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Group photography, break and networking
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	<p>Organization of the event, Setting the Scene - Why are We Here?</p> <p><i>At the conclusion of SIDS4 in May 2024, world leaders adopted the ‘Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity’ (ABAS). Underscoring that “the next 10 years are critical for SIDS”, leaders committed to supporting SIDS as they exercise “full ownership” of their new Agenda and seek to establish “partnerships as equals”. This session covers the organization of the weeklong event with inter-connected segments. Setting expectations and anticipated outcomes and will explore the ABAS as a mandated means to enhance geospatial information management, partnerships and collaboration in the Pacific SIDS.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional agenda and organization of the meeting <i>The meeting will briefly discuss before confirming the agenda for the five days together with the organization of the meeting, noting there is a degree of flexibility to ensure an engaging and energetic five-days.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ United Nations Secretariat for the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs • The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity – The next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Chief, SIDS Unit, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs • The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States, the Pacific Island Countries and Territories and the Pacific Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Representative, Geoscience, Energy and Maritime Division, Pacific Community • The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States and the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Chair, Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council • The SIDS4 Conference and ABAS: Key highlights, the Small Island Development States Centre of Excellence and the SIDS Global Data hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Representative, Pvblic Foundation/SDG Data Alliance • Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements amongst the Pacific Island Countries and Territories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ United Nations Secretariat for the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management • Open discussion
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Break for lunch and networking
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council: Status Reports – Engaging one another

	<p><i>Pacific Island Countries and Territories and Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council to set the stage and provide 'status reports', the prevailing country circumstances, perspectives, views, aspirations and needs, and discuss key elements of national efforts and priorities towards enhancing their geospatial information management arrangements, resources, capacities and leadership, and to address their challenges and opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National perspectives <p><i>National status reports/presentations to address the current state, future goals, and necessary resources for enhancing your country's geospatial information management.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Representative, Cook Islands ➤ Representative, Federated States of Micronesia ➤ Representative, Fiji Islands ➤ Representative, Kiribati ➤ Representative, Nauru ➤ Representative, Niue ➤ Representative, Papua New Guinea ➤ Representative, Samoa ➤ Representative, Tonga ➤ Representative, Tuvalu ➤ Representative, Vanuatu • Open discussion
<p>2:30 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Break and networking</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Status Reports – Engaging one another <i>Contributing to enhancing nationally integrated geospatial information management arrangements and the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional and partner's perspectives <p><i>Reports from partners and stakeholders informing their current and ongoing contributions to enhancing geospatial information management in Pacific Island Countries and Territories, focusing on what was done and what can be done.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Representative, International Hydrographic Organization ➤ Representative, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) ➤ Representative, Geoscience Australia ➤ Representative, Land Information New Zealand ➤ Representative, Digital Earth Pacific, SPC ➤ Representative, University of South Pacific ➤ Representative, Fiji National University ➤ Representative, International Federation of Surveyors • Open discussion
<p>Tuesday 12 November 2024</p>	
<p>08:00 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Arrival of participants</p>
<p>08:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Introduction to the UN-IGIF and CAP Process <i>Enhancing national geospatial information management arrangements and accelerating the</i></p>

	<p><i>achievement of the SDGs by implementing the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) with a country-led approach to prepare a Country-level Action Plan (CAP). The segment will also seek to understand available resources and support to embark on the country-led approach to prepare a Country-level Action Plan (CAP) and operationalize the nine strategic pathways of the UN-IGIF according to national circumstances.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-IGIF: A mechanism to enhance national geospatial information management arrangements according to national circumstances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Representative, United Nations Secretariat for the Committee of Experts • UN-IGIF in action at the country-level – some country examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Representative, SDG Data Alliance • Supporting Small Island Developing States (SIDS) into the future involves implementing the UN-IGIF and establishing national data hubs. <p><i>The aim is to enhance geospatial information management and utilization nationally to improve decision-making and promote sustainable development - current actions and future opportunities to optimize geospatial information management and address emerging challenges.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Representative, SDG Data Alliance ➤ Representative, Esri/SDG Data Alliance ➤ Representative, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific ➤ Representative, United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre, Statistics Division, DESA ➤ Representative, United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence, Statistics Division, DESA • Open discussion
<p>10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Break and networking</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon</p>	<p>SDG Data Hubs as a Solutions</p> <p><i>Enhancing national geospatial information management capabilities and the SDG Data Alliance approach to deploying SDG Data Hubs and growing data hub adoption within a country. There are regional or sub-regional platforms and solutions that facilitate the effective management and use of geospatial data including from SPC and Digital Earth Pacific. These platforms and solutions support data availability, integration, analysis, and visualization, enabling more informed decision-making and strategic planning.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These platforms and solutions support data availability, integration, analysis, and visualization, enabling more informed decision-making and strategic planning. <p><i>The role and contributions of platforms and solutions in enhancing geospatial information nationally at all levels.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Representative, Pacific Data Hub, SPC ➤ Representative, Pacific Maritime Boundaries Dashboard ➤ Representative, Ocean Portal ➤ Representative, Digital Earth Pacific • Technologies and capabilities for visualizing and informing impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Representative, Esri/SDG Data Alliance • Open discussion

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Break for lunch and networking
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council: Developing Local Capacities and Leadership Through Regional and Multi-stakeholder Cooperation</p> <p><i>Multi-stakeholder partnerships play a crucial role in advancing global, regional, national, and even local geospatial information management. These partnerships bring together diverse expertise and perspectives from government, the private sector, academia, and civil society, fostering collaborative approaches and integrating Indigenous knowledge and capacities towards comprehensive and inclusive geospatial programmes and activities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-stakeholder partnerships for geospatial information management <i>The role and contributions of multi-stakeholder partnerships in enhancing geospatial information nationally at all levels.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Representative, PGSC Partnership Desk, SPC ➢ Representative, Pacific Geospatial Women Network, SPC ➢ Representative, Government of Fiji ➢ Representative, FIG Asia-Pacific Capacity Development Programme ➢ Representative, Southwest Pacific Hydrographic Commission ➢ Representative, Local industries and civil societies supporting geospatial management (Vodafone, Digicel, Pure Fiji, Rise beyond the Reef, PLACE) • Open discussion
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.	Break and networking
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Summary and Wrap-up for first Two Days</p> <p><i>The organizers will provide a summary and wrap-up for the first two days of the event, the high-level 'leadership' segment, and discuss some next steps.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion
Wednesday 13 November 2024	
08:00 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.	Arrival of participants
08:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Where Can We Go from Here?</p> <p><i>The organizers will recap the main outcomes and consensus during the first two days of the event, the high-level 'leadership' segment, and invite open discussion on 'where can we go from here?' setting the stage for the following three-days that will be more interactive and participatory.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of main outcomes and highlights of the first two days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ United Nations Secretariat for the Committee of Experts and SDG Data Alliance • Panel discussion <i>A panel discussion amongst PGSC Working Groups – What we have achieved so far? What challenges remain? How can we build on these outcomes? What are the next steps?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ PGSC Working Groups • Open discussion

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break and networking
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	<p>Plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council: Identifying Country Needs Against National Priorities</p> <p><i>Understanding national priorities, which may include economic development, social well-being, healthcare, employment or environmental sustainability (including for our oceans), etc., and understanding what is needed from national geospatial information management entities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying Country Needs Against National Priorities <i>Identify your country's geospatial information management needs based on national priorities. Focus on key gaps and what is needed. Where appropriate, relate these to the outcomes of the first two days,</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cook Islands ➤ Federated States of Micronesia ➤ Fiji Islands ➤ Kiribati ➤ Nauru ➤ Niue ➤ Papua New Guinea ➤ Samoa ➤ Tonga ➤ Tuvalu ➤ Vanuatu • Open discussion
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Break for lunch and networking
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council: Identifying Common National Strategic Priorities</p> <p><i>Engage and discuss, including through break-out work groups, common strategic priorities across countries with the aim to foster intra sub-regional cooperation through the sharing of knowledge, experience and resources.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Regional Collaboration: Identifying Needs and Gaps <i>Meeting national geospatial information management needs based on shared sub-regional priorities. Relate these to the outcomes of the first two days, focusing on key gaps and collective needs, and the importance of sub-regional cooperation through sharing knowledge, experience, and resources.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Representative, COSPPac3, SPC ➤ Representative, Pacific Maritime Boundaries, SPC ➤ Representative, Digital Earth Pacific, SPC ➤ Representative, South Digital Earth Pacific, SPC ➤ Representative, SDG Data Alliance ➤ Representative, International Hydrographic Organization • Open discussion
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break and networking
3:00 p.m. –	Plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council: Administrative and

<p>4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>business of the Council</p> <p><i>The Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council discusses key matters concerning the administration and business matters of the council including planning future activities to enhance the effectiveness of the Council. Council members are to actively participate and provide their insights to ensure comprehensive decision-making.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PGSC6 Business Meeting; Action Items (review and updates) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair, Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council
<p>Thursday 14 November 2024</p>	
<p>08:00 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Arrival of participants</p>
<p>08:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Improving Data Availability and Access</p> <p><i>Facilitated interaction towards improving the availability, accessibility and utilization of geospatial information, data, and other knowledge resources to inform effective policymaking.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Data Accessibility for Informed Policymaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Data Governance and Policy <i>Participants sharing experiences and good practices; data sharing protocols, lessons learnt.</i> ➤ Data Sharing Mechanisms <i>Participants explore strategies and platforms for efficient data sharing among stakeholders.</i> • Technological Innovations <i>Highlight emerging technologies that can enhance data collection, storage, and access and promote greater utilization.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Esri/SDG Data Alliance • Open discussion
<p>10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Break and networking</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon</p>	<p>Means of Implementation - Leveraging Technology, Innovation, and Digitalization</p> <p><i>This signals the transition from a ‘problem-oriented’ to a ‘solutions-orientated’ approach with facilitated discussions to explore how advancements in technology, innovation, and digitalization can be harnessed to address national priorities. Identify feasible approaches according to national situations to address the identified priorities and understanding importance for setting short-term and long-term goals, assigning responsibilities, and establishing timelines.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasible technological solutions and innovation for evidenced based policy- and decision-making. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vanua View GIS, Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, Fiji. ➤ SDG Data Hub, Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, Fiji ➤ SDG Data Hub, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Tonga • Feasible technological solutions and innovation for evidenced based policy- and decision-making. <i>Participants are invited to bring their own data sets for a hands-on, deep-dive technical session to apply advanced methodologies and tools in data modelling, analysis, and utilization.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Esri/SDG Data Alliance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Break for lunch and networking
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council: Technology Solutions and Platforms</p> <p><i>Explore the potential from global and regional data sets available and accessible for possible national reference and use. Discuss strategies for improving data sharing, integration, and application leveraging technology and platforms to support evidence-based decision-making and achievement of national priorities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive segment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Engage and explore technological solutions and platforms featuring a demonstration of generative AI and geospatial AI applications.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Esri/SDG Data Alliance • Facilitated and open discussion
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break and networking
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Data Modelling, Analysis, and Use</p> <p><i>Collectively review and consider methodologies and good practices for data modelling, analysis, and utilization to support informed policy- and decision-making including analytical techniques, machine learning and artificial intelligence that can enhance the understanding and application of geospatial information within the needs of national circumstances.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Program (TCAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Representative, TCAP, Pacific Community (SPC) • Facilitated and open discussion
Friday 15 November 2024	
08:00 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.	Arrival of participants
08:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Country-led Approach to Implement the UN-IGIF</p> <p><i>Facilitated discussions, including break-out group work, to understand available resources and support to embark on the country-led approach to prepare a Country-level Action Plan (CAP) to operationalize the nine strategic pathways of the UN-IGIF according to national circumstances.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The journey to enhance nationally integrated geospatial information management. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Representative, Fiji ➢ Representative, Kiribati ➢ Representative, Tonga • Facilitated and open discussion
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break and networking
10:30 a.m. –	<p>Stakeholder Engagement and Enhancing Partnerships and Collaboration</p> <p><i>Facilitated discussions, including break-out group work, on stakeholder engagement and</i></p>

12:00 noon	<p><i>enhancing partnerships and collaboration at the country-level to enhance geospatial information management arrangements, capacities and leadership according to national circumstances.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated and open discussion
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Break for lunch and networking
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council: Where we are Today and Where we need to be in the Future</p> <p><i>Facilitated and open discussion for participating countries to interact and better understand key gaps between where we are today and where we need to be in the future.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated and open discussion
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break and networking
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<p>Plenary meeting of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council: Early Actions and Quick Wins, Summary and Close</p> <p><i>Facilitated and focused discussions to understand and appreciate feasible early actions and quick wins that can be considered, both at the country-level and also as the Pacific sub-region. Summary, next steps and close.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated and open discussion
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	<p>Networking Function</p> <p><i>Details to be provided by PGSC Partnership Desk, Pacific Community (SPC)</i></p>

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