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United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre
(UN-GGKIC)

2 UN Plaza/DC2 building, DC2-2330

3 August 2025

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Provisional Agenda

The meeting of the IAC UN-GGKIC is held both as an online webinar on 7-8 May 2025, and as an in-person meeting on 3 August 2025 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA, ahead of the fifteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

The provisional agenda for **the in-person meeting** of the UN-GGKIC IAC, will be held on 3 August from 9 to 5PM EDT at the **2 UN Plaza/DC2 building, DC2-2330**, is as follows:

- 1) Welcome and introduction
- 2) Organization of the meeting and setting the scene
- 3) Review and considerations on the current work plan of the UN-GGKIC, and 2026 plan
- 4) GeoNow2025 and beyond
- 5) Capacity development, leveraging UN-IGIF
- 6) Global webinar series
- 7) Scoping the Geospatial leadership development activities and programmes
- 8) Policy briefs and reports
- 9) Summary, next steps and closing

Proposed annotated agenda and organization of work

Sunday 3 August 2025	
09:00 - 09:05	<p>Agenda #1: Opening of the meeting, welcome and introduction</p> <p><i>This opening segment will provide an opportunity for remarks from the Co-Chairs and ad interim Director of UNSD and short introduction from members of the IAC. The meeting will be Chaired by Mr. Pengde Li, Head of the UN-GGKIC.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Ronald Jansen, Acting Director, DESA/UNSD ➢ Maroale Chauke and Antonius Wijanarto, Co-Chairs of the IAC UN-GGKIC
09:05 - 10:15	<p>Agenda #2: Organization of the meeting, setting the scene and workplan of UN-GGKIC</p> <p><i>This segment will present the organization of the meeting, set the scene and provide a brief overview of the strategic plan and work programme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Dr. Pengde Li, DESA/UNSD/UNGGKIC <p><i>This segment will present the Centre's current progress on the agreed Strategic plan and review the latest work programme, its strategic alignment with the UN-IGIF, and key implementation activities including related to the priorities of the High-level group on the UN-IGIF and monitoring progress.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work programme update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Dr. Pengde Li, DESA/UNSD/UNGGKIC • Open discussion



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10:15 – 10:30	<p>Agenda item #3 – GeoNow</p> <p><i>This segment will present the current concept of GeoNow, including its 2025 instalment and approach as an augmentation of UN-GGIM events for 2026. The substantive topics, focus and objectives for the GeoNow 2025 will be presented and discussed towards receiving guidance from the IAC on the substantive content, speakers and programme of GeoNow 2025.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GeoNow 2025 concept and relevance for implementation of the UN-IGIF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Dr. Pengde Li, DESA/UNSD/UNGGKIC • Open Discussion
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Agenda item #4 – Capacity development, implementing UN-IGIF</p> <p><i>This session will present the Centre's operational role in organizing Regional and Sub-regional Workshop on United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF), establishing a team of consultants and experts from the UN system, survey on the UN-IGIF implementation and developing a train the trainer programme.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting countries to develop Country-level Action Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Dr. Pengde Li, DESA/UNSD/UNGGKIC ➢ Guillaume Le Sourd, DESA/UNSD • Open discussions
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Agenda item #5 – Global webinars (Geo-Empower Series)</p> <p><i>This segment will provide the opportunity for discussions or breakout sessions on the proposed global webinars as a core area of the Centre's work, identifying knowledge transfer approach, key topics, partners, scope and target audience.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics, key partners and expected format/length <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Dr. Pengde Li & Cung Thang DESA/UNSD/UNGGKIC • Open discussions or breakout sessions
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Agenda item #6 – Scoping the Geospatial leadership development programme</p> <p><i>This segment will Introduction to initial considerations and scoping perspectives on the development of leadership programme, including its alignment with the Centre's vision, identifying pathways to strengthen national leadership capacity, promote innovation, and ensure sustainable geospatial governance across Member States.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing and scoping leadership development activities and training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Abbas Rajabifard/CSDILA ➢ Dr. Pengde Li & Cung Thang DESA/UNSD/UNGGKIC • Open discussions
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Agenda item #7 – Policy briefs and reports</p> <p><i>This session will provide the opportunity for discussions or breakout sessions on conceptualizing and considering the preparation of the global geospatial knowledge and innovation report that highlights good practices and innovations from Member States including related to geospatial information for accelerating the SDGs and the integration of statistics and geospatial information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics, key partners and expected format/length <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Dr. Pengde Li & Cung Thang DESA/UNSD/UNGGKIC • Open discussions or breakout sessions



16:30 – 17:00

Agenda # 8 – Summary, next steps and closing

In this segment, the co-Chairs of the IAC of the UN-GGKIC will discuss and moderate discussions towards the preparation of a set of summary outcomes including way forward on agenda items discussed during the online meeting. The meeting will consider agenda items to be discussed during the in-person meeting to be held in person on 3 August 2025 in New York, USA. The meeting will close with some brief closing remarks.

- Summary outcomes

The meeting will consider a set of draft summary outcomes and recommendations including way forward prepared by the co-Chairs with the assistance of UNSD and UN-GGKIC as the agreed outcome of the meeting.

- Open discussions

- Closing remarks

The meeting will be brought to a formal close with some closing remarks.

- Maroale Chauke and Antonius Wijanarto, Co-Chairs of the IAC UN-GGKIC
- Ronald Jansen, Acting Director, DESA/UNSD
- Pengde Li, DESA/UNSD/UN-GGKIC

(as of 16 July 2025)