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2025 International Advisory Committee (IAC) of the  
United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre  
(UN-GGKIC)  
Online Meeting  
7 - 8 May 2025

## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

## Provisional agenda

The meeting of the IAC UN-GGKIC will be 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 online meetings** of the 2025 Meeting of the UN-GGKIC IAC, respectively held on 7-8 May from 7 to 9AM EDT, is as follows:

## On 7 May (online):

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Organization of the meeting and setting the scene
- 3) Brief review of Terms of Reference and responsibilities
- 4) Review and considerations on the current work plan of the UN-GGKIC
- 5) UN-IGIF subregional workshop: implementation example from Southern Africa (Mozambique)
- 6) Scoping the Geospatial leadership development activities and programme

## On 8 May (online):

- 7) Overview of the GeoNow 2025 and considerations on the substantive programme and attendees
- 8) Considerations on global geospatial knowledge and innovation reports
- 9) Summary, way forward and close

## Proposed annotated agenda and organization of work

Wednesday 7 May 2025	
09:00 - 09:05	<b>Agenda #1: Opening of the meeting, welcome and introductions</b> <i>This opening segment will provide an opportunity for remarks from the Co-Chairs and 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Stefan Schweinfest, DESA/UNSD</li> <li>➢ Maroale Chauke and Antonius Wijanarto, Co-Chairs of the IAC UN-GGKIC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
09:05 - 09:10	<b>Agenda #2: Organization of the meeting and setting the scene</b> <i>The overview of the online meeting will be provided with the provisional agenda</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting the scene               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Mr. Pengde Li, Head DESA/UNSD/UNGKIC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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09:05 – 09:15	<p><b>Agenda #3: Brief review of Terms of Reference and responsibilities</b></p> <p><i>This agenda item will revisit the approved Terms of Reference of the IAC, confirming its advisory role, structure, and responsibilities in guiding the work of the Centre.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of Reference of the UN-GGKIC: IAC <i>The IAC will be provided the opportunity to briefly review its terms of reference, review and consider the current composition of the IAC of the UN-GGKIC, in consultation with the Head of the Centre.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pengde Li, Head DESA/UNSD/UNGKIC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Open discussions</li> </ul>
09:15 – 10:00	<p><b>Agenda item #4 - Review and considerations on the current work plan of the UN-GGKIC</b></p> <p><i>This segment will present and discuss the Centre's annual programme of work based on the agreed Framework Plan, which outlines the Centre's priorities: technical assistance, capacity development, knowledge-sharing, and fostering innovation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Latest work programme of the UN-GGKIC from January 2025 and updates <i>The meeting will review the current work plan, its strategic alignment with the UN-IGIF, and key implementation modalities.</i></li> <li>➤ Pengde Li, DESA/UNSD/UNGKIC</li> <li>➤ Cung Thang, DESA/UNSD/UNGKIC</li> <li>• Open discussions</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Agenda item #5 – UN-IGIF subregional workshop: implementation example from Southern Africa (Mozambique)</b></p> <p><i>This session will present the Centre's operational role in organizing 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 (UN-IGIF) for Southern Africa in close collaboration with the SDG Data Alliance, Economic Commission for Africa, the National Geospatial Agency of Mozambique and the UN-GGIM Secretariat.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop Insights and Outcomes <i>Outcomes, challenges, and lessons learned from the Mozambique workshop</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Guillaume Le Sourd, DESA/UNSD/GGIM</li> <li>➤ Cung Thang, DESA/UNSD/UNGKIC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Open discussions</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Agenda item #6 – Scoping the Geospatial leadership development activities and programme</b></p> <p><i>This segment will explore leadership development as a core area of the Centre's work, 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"> <li>• Programme Scoping and Considerations <i>Introduction to initial considerations and scoping perspectives on the development of leadership programme, including its alignment with the Centre's vision.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Abbas Rajabifard/CSDILA</li> <li>➤ Cung Thang, DESA/UNSD/GGKIC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Open discussions</li> </ul>



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Thursday 8 May 2025

09:00 - 09:40

**Agenda #7 – Overview of the GeoNow 2025 and considerations on the substantive programme and attendees**

*This segment will explore the previous GeoNow 2024 event and considerations and scoping for the GeoNow 2025 programme, with a focus on enhancing geospatial information arrangements, capacity development, raising awareness, knowledge exchange, and innovation across the global geospatial community.*

- Programme Design and Objectives  
*Overview of the themes, audience, and expected outcomes of GeoNow 2025*
  - Pengde Li, DESA/SD/GGKIC
- Open discussions

09:40 – 09:20

**Agenda #8: - Considerations on global geospatial knowledge and innovation reports**

*The session will explore considerations on the upcoming flagship publication of the Centre and consider how to capture good practices, innovations, and capacity development achievements across Member States and gather perspectives and views from the IAC.*

- Proposal for the Report  
*Discussion of format, scope, and periodicity of the global knowledge and innovation report.*
  - Pengde Li, DESA/SD/GGKIC
- Open discussions

10:20 – 11:00

**Agenda item #9 - Summary, way forward and close**

*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 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
  - Stefan Schweinfest, DESA/SD
  - Pengde Li, DESA/GGKIC

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