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Workshop on United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) 'Geospatial Foundations for Africa's Development, Innovation and Resilience'

Accra, Ghana, 17-19 November 2025

Provisional Detailed Agenda

Objectives for the workshop

The objective of the workshop is to raise awareness on the UN-IGIF and share knowledge on progress and good practices on the ongoing development of Country-level Action Plans in Africa, contributing to the call for enhancing national geospatial information management capabilities for Member States. At this critical juncture, less than five years away from the target of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, many African countries still lack adequate capacities, capabilities and skills to advance the use of geospatial information management to address national priorities and global agendas. While some have embarked on the implementation of IGIF, challenges remain to finalize Country-level Action Plan (CAP) to enhance national geospatial information management.

The workshop will provide an opportunity to share knowledge, latest trends and technologies and best practices in enhancing geospatial information arrangements in Africa, raise awareness of the benefits from using geospatial information for sustainable development, and consider policies, measures and actions that could be adopted towards the effective implementation of UN-IGIF in the region.

Organization

The workshop will be organized for two days as a means for invited officials and geospatial leaders from Member States, relevant international and regional entities, and subject-matter experts and stakeholders to get acquainted to the current achievements and challenges Member States are facing in implementation of the UN-IGIF and enhance national geospatial information management arrangements for accelerating the SDGs. The discussions will be structured around national priorities, methods and frameworks, required leadership and collaboration to advance geospatial information management in countries according to national circumstances.

Participation

In close alignment with the decisions and recommendations of the Committee of Experts and its HLG-IGIF, the workshop will bring together various implementation partners for the operationalization of the UN-IGIF for Member States from the region including the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre, the SDG Data Alliance, the regional committee leadership from Africa, in close coordination with the Secretariat of UN-GGIM.

Meeting participants will include Members of the UNGGIM Africa Regional Committee, National officials responsible for UN-IGIF implementation including mapping, cartography, surveying, land registration, earth observation, data agencies, and selected subject-matter experts on the UN-IGIF from the academic community, research institutions, government, civil society, and the private sector.



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Provisional Agenda (tentative)

The provisional agenda for this workshop on the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework will include the following segments:

Day 1 – Advancing national priorities through geospatial information management	
Welcome and introduction 9h00-10h30	<p>Setting the Scene</p> <p>Providing introductions, setting expectations, and anticipated outcomes before confirming set-up and organization for the two days.</p> <p><i>Moderator : Mr. Jones Ofori Boadu, Lands Commission, Ghana</i></p> <p>Welcome, opening remarks and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Andre Nonguierma, Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Mr. Li Pengde, Director, United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre, (Video) Mr. Fernand Isseri, Co-Chair, High Level Group on Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) Mr. Clinton Heimann, Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Mr. Anthony Owusu-Ansah, Acting Executive Secretary, Lands Commission, Ghana
10h30-11h00	<p>Group Photo</p> <p>Coffee Break</p>
Session I-2 11h00-13h00	<p>The UN-GGIM programme and the UN-IGIF</p> <p>In this segment, organizers will provide a rapid overview on Enhancing national geospatial information management arrangements and accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals with the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) and the importance of addressing national priorities and showcasing geospatial benefits.</p> <p><i>Moderator : Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd, UN-GGIM Secretariat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of programme of work of the Committee of Experts and enhancing global geospatial information management <i>Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd, UN-GGIM Secretariat.</i> Overview on the work program of the High-Level Group on the UN-IGIF <i>Mr. Fernand Isseri, Co-Chair, High-Level Group on Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF).</i> Current priorities activities toward the UN-IGIF implementation <i>Mr. Sandro Semedo, UNGGKIC</i> ECA and regional support for IGIF implementation in the Africa <i>Mr. Andre Nonguierma, Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA Regional Support</i> Open discussion
13:00: 14 h30	Lunch
Session I-3 14h30-15h00	<p>Country implementation: successes and challenges of implementing the UN-IGIF</p> <p>Member States, regional entities, subject-matter experts, organizations, and stakeholders will set the stage and provide perspectives and ‘status report’ on their</p>





	<p>achievements and challenges in the preparation of country-level Action Plans, leveraging the UN-IGIF.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Maroale Chauke, Director, National Spatial Information Framework</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current progress and status on the implementation of the UN-IGIF in Africa: insights from the survey and way forward <i>Ms. Maroale Chauke, Director: National Spatial Information Framework, Chair of UN-GGIM: Africa Working Group on the UN-IGIF</i> Successes and challenges in the use of the UN-IGIF to strengthen geospatial information management to advance national priorities and global agendas National experiences from the subregions (4-5 countries: <i>Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Mozambique and Mali 10 min each</i>) Open discussion
<p>Session I-4 15h00-17h00</p>	<p>Enhancing geospatial information management arrangements</p> <p>In this segment, organizers and participants will discuss considerations, perspectives and strategies to advocate and advance the implementation of the UN-IGIF toward enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements and addressing national priorities, regional dimensions and global agendas</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Progress, gaps, and priorities of Member States in implementing UN-IGIF</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Fernand Isseri HLG-IGIF Co-Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common challenges and opportunities to advance the implementation of the UN-IGIF in the Africa How to get financial support for geospatial information management HLG-IGIF Sustainable Funding Guide Identification of basic requirements and conditions to begin national implementation Articulating global and regional efforts to support the implementation of the UN-IGIF in Africa <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr. Clinton Heimann, Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa</i> <i>Mr. Jide Kufoniyi, Obafemi Awolowo University</i> <i>Mr. Lazarus Mustapha Ojigi, Executive Director, African Regional Institute for Geospatial Information Science and Technology (AFRIGIST)</i> <i>Mr. Andre Bassole, President CERPINEDD SAS</i> <i>Mr. Sultan Mohammed Alya, Independent Consultant</i>

Day 2 – Leadership in advancing geospatial information management

<p>AfricaGIS 9h00-11h00</p>	<p>Plenary session of the AfricaGIS 2025 Conference</p>
<p>Session II-1 11h00 -12h30</p>	<p>Developing Leadership through multi-stakeholder cooperation</p> <p>Leadership and multi-stakeholder partnerships play a crucial role in advancing global, regional, national, and local geospatial information management, bringing together diverse expertise and multi-sectoral approach from government, the</p>



	<p>private sector, academia, civil society, and international organizations fostering collaborative approaches and integrating cross-cutting knowledge and capacities.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Sandro Semedo, UN-GGKIC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advancing geospatial value and benefits, advancing national priorities and global agendas <i>Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd, UN-GGIM Secretariat</i> Open discussion / breakout sessions · Geospatial Leadership capacity development programme: Urgency, skills requirements, multidisciplinary and support from UNGGKIC <i>Mr. Sandro Semedo, UN-GGKIC</i> <i>Roundtable of national experiences from countries with the CAP approaches: advantages and challenges of different approaches - Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa</i> Open discussion
12h30 -1h30	Lunch
Session II-2 1h30-15h00	<p>Developing a Country-level Action Plan process</p> <p>Enhancing national geospatial information management arrangements and accelerating the achievement of the SDGs with the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) and introduction to the country-led approach to prepare a Country-level Action Plan (CAP).</p> <p><i>Moderator: Co-Chair, High Level Group on UN-IGIF</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to CAP method and perspectives <i>Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd, UN-GGIM Secretariat</i> Good practices and challenges across regions beyond Africa <i>Mr. Sandro Semdo, UN-GGKIC ·</i> Good practices and challenges developing Country-level Action Plans, methods and approach considerations Roundtable of national experiences from countries with the CAP approaches: advantage and challenges of different approaches (<i>Burundi, Comoros, Eswatini, Mali, Malawi</i>) Open discussion
15h00 - 15h30	Coffee break
Session II-3 15h30 -17h00	<p>Partnership and innovation</p> <p>In this segment, organizers and participants will discuss and review benefits of partnerships and innovation to showcase benefits of geospatial information management for national priorities.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Andre Nonguierma</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships and role of the private sector <i>Mr. Stephen Djaba, Managing Director Geo-Tech Systems Ltd</i> <i>Mr. Derek Clarke, CEO Manful PTI</i> Partnership and role of Academic Network <i>Mr. Jide Kufoniyi, Obafemi Awolowo University</i> <i>Mr. Hussein Farah, Technical University of Kenya</i> <i>Mr. Lazarus Ojigi - African Regional Institute for Geospatial Information Science and Technology. (AFRIGIST)</i> Open discussion





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Summary and wrap up
17h00-17h30

Summary and Wrap-up for the First Two Days

The organizers will provide a summary and wrap-up for the workshop and discuss next steps.

Summary presented by Mr. Sandro Semedo

Organizers

This event is organized jointly by the UN-GGIM Africa, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources of Ghana, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC), the SDG Data Alliance and the Secretariat of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) in the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Language

The meeting will be conducted in English.

Participation

This event is an in-person closed event and participation by invitation only. Participants are expected to be designated geospatial information management representatives, leads and subject matter experts in Africa. Participants are responsible for obtaining the necessary transit and entry visas, including necessary travel and health insurance as applicable.

Meeting Venue

The meetings will be held at Alisa Hotel, Accra, Ghana.

Dates

The dates for this event are 17-19 November 2025.

Logistical Information

Local logistical information and arrangements will be provided separately via email when information is made available by the local organizers and the Economic Commission for Africa.

Health and Safety

Participants are responsible for making their own inoculations and medical/health insurance arrangements, including life, health, medical evacuations and treatments, and other forms deemed appropriate. The organizers and the United Nations do not take responsibility for the ill health of any participants during their travel to and stay in Accra, Ghana. For a safe meeting environment, any prevailing local government measures related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at the time of the meeting shall apply.

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