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Programme of work and the
United Nations Integrated Geospatial
Information Framework (UN-IGIF)





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“Need for quality,
accessible, timely,
and reliable
disaggregated
data”

“Data on a wide
range of topics,
unprecedented
amount”

“Need to include
all parts of the
statistical systems
and new data
source”

Interoperability
and integration of
systems is crucial
to harnessing the
potential of all
types of data

“Need for public
digital infrastructure
and services”

“Need for evidence-informed
policy making, monitoring
progress and accessing
development financing, and
capacity building for a
stronger data governance and
management”

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Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF)

National Institutional Arrangements in Geospatial Information Management

Role of Standards in Geospatial Information Management

Statement of Shared Guiding Principles for Geospatial Information Management

Economic and Social Council resolution E/RES/2016/27

Reiterated “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”

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 report described the process of ‘transition’ for the Committee’s work, including:

- an initial five-year period (2011 – 2016) on **initiated/establishment**
- second five-year period (2017-2021) on **institutionalization**;
- ongoing five-year period (2022-2027) on **implementation of the Committee’s frameworks, anchored by the UN-IGIF.**



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Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements

(b) Endorsed its **strategic framework for the period 2025–2030**, which provides the required strategic direction and approach to guide the programme of work of the Committee of Experts, including for the new global agenda post-2030, and requested the Bureau to work with the Secretariat to undertake a full review of the programme of work and priorities of the Committee, and on developing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for the delivery of the strategic objectives and priorities of the Committee, including a **coherent global capacity-development programme**

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Contribution of UN global geospatial centres (away from Headquarters) to enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements

(d) Appreciated the substantial efforts of the United Nations global geospatial centres in developing capacity through the implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the strengthening of the global geodesy supply chain, and requested **sustained capacity-development and training opportunities tailored to national operational needs and circumstances and aligned with the strategic framework of the Committee of Experts for the period 2025–2030**;






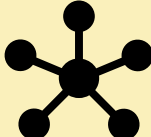

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Strategic Framework 2025-2030




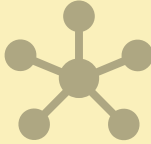




Geospatial ambition and focus

Global and national drivers & priorities

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| | Geospatial priorities | Demography | Land administration | Geodesy | Data | Earth observation | Marine information | Resilience & risk | Guidance | Policies | Governance | Capacity | Communication | Digital ecosystems | Integration | Knowledge | Technology |

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| Deliverables & activities | Working activities & outputs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage the leadership and commitment in geospatial information of Member States, regional and thematic networks • Strengthen the role of geospatial information towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and other global agendas • Enhance the coordination, coherence, financing and capacities of global-to-local geospatial information management arrangements • Improve geospatial governance and guidance aligning national and global frameworks and good practices • Guide the transparent, diversity, equitable and inclusive use of geospatial information management for society • Oversee the strategic orientations and guide the activities of the global geospatial centres of excellence • Foster direction and readiness to emerging technologies towards determining the future geospatial information ecosystem • Provide strategic leadership for the adoption and implementation of integrated geospatial information management & frameworks • Lead the coordination and collaboration to improve and strengthen the global geodetic reference frame and geodesy supply chain • Determine and provide geospatial information methods, tools and services for climate, environment and resilience • Integrate geospatial and statistical information through implementation and operationalization of related frameworks • Advance the role of integrated geospatial information for effective land administration and management • Guide and encourage the availability, accessibility and integration of marine geospatial information • Address policy and legal issues in geospatial information management including related to emerging technological advancements • Demonstrate the benefits of implementing and adopting geospatial standards for the global geospatial community • Strengthen synergies and partnerships with other intergovernmental processes, international entities, organizations related to science, technology, innovation, geographical names, statistics, data to maximize the impact of geospatial information in all its forms |
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Geospatial ambition and focus

Global and national drivers & priorities

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- Strengthen the **role of geospatial information** towards achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals**, and other global agendas
- Enhance the coordination, **coherence, financing and capacities** of global-to-local geospatial information management arrangements
- Improve geospatial **governance and guidance** aligning national and global frameworks and **good practices**
- Provide **strategic leadership** for the adoption and **implementation of integrated geospatial information management and frameworks**




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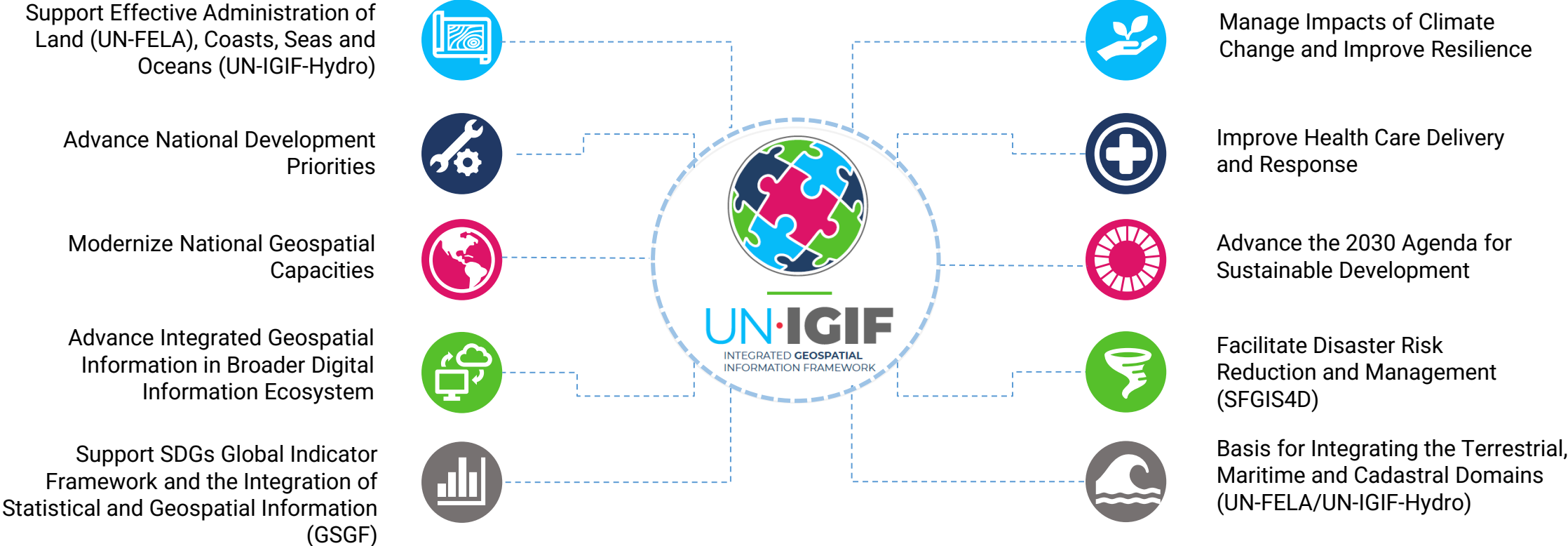


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United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

(b) Encouraged all Member States to implement the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework as a foundational element for geospatial information management to achieve national priorities, and to share their country-level action plans widely through the website to foster knowledge, good practices and dialogue and promote collective progress on implementing the Framework;

United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)

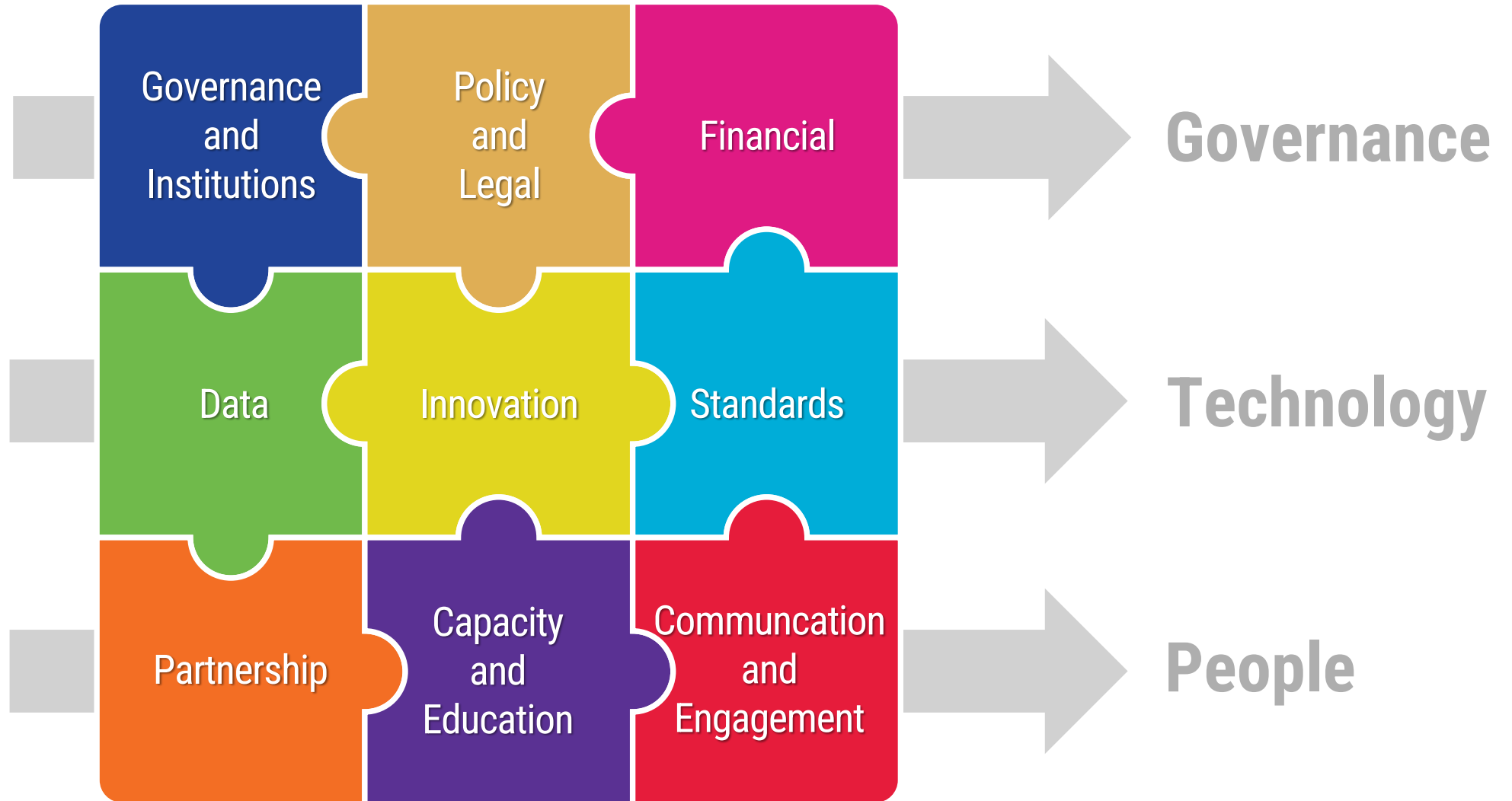


The United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) provides an overarching paradigm to further strengthen nationally integrated geospatial information management, not only for Member States that were in the early stages of adopting spatial data infrastructures but also for those that had already successfully implemented spatial data infrastructure capabilities.

(Eleventh session, Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, August 2021)

United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)

9 Strategic Pathways



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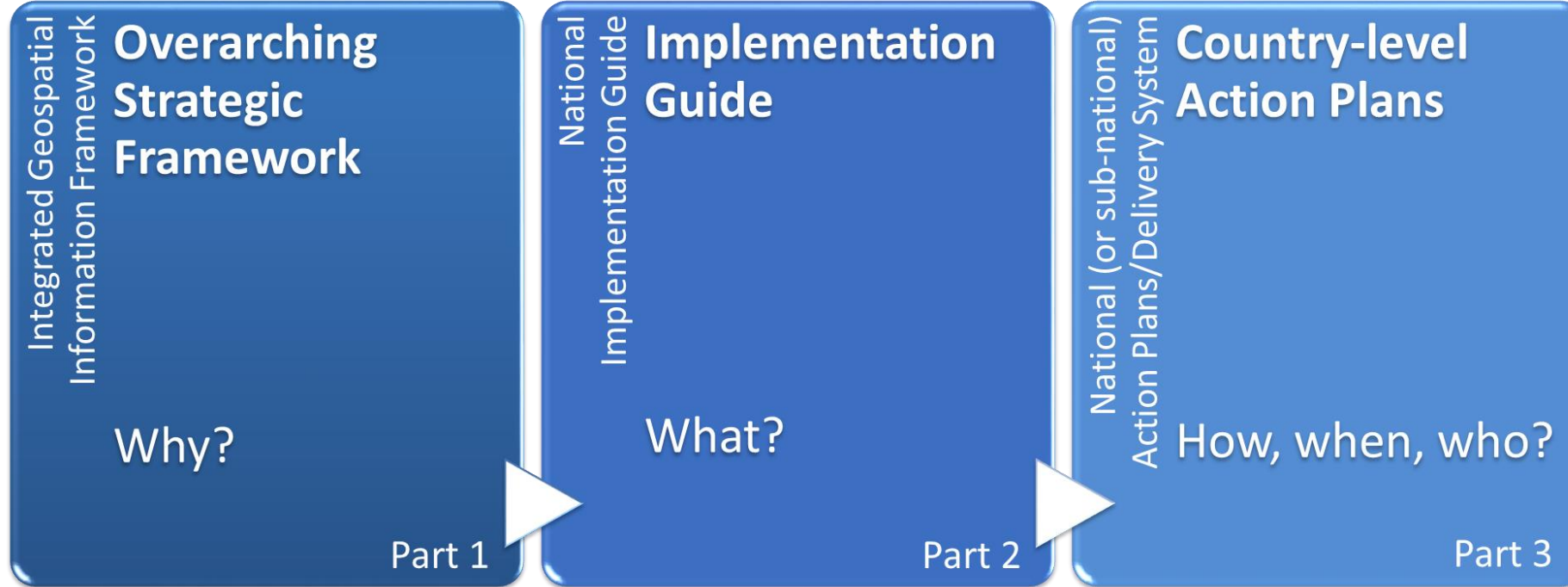
9 Strategic Pathways



Anchored by 9 Strategic Pathways, the UN-IGIF is a mechanism for articulating and demonstrating national leadership in geospatial information, and the capacity to take positive steps.

The Strategic Pathways 'implement' the IGIF through actions.

United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)



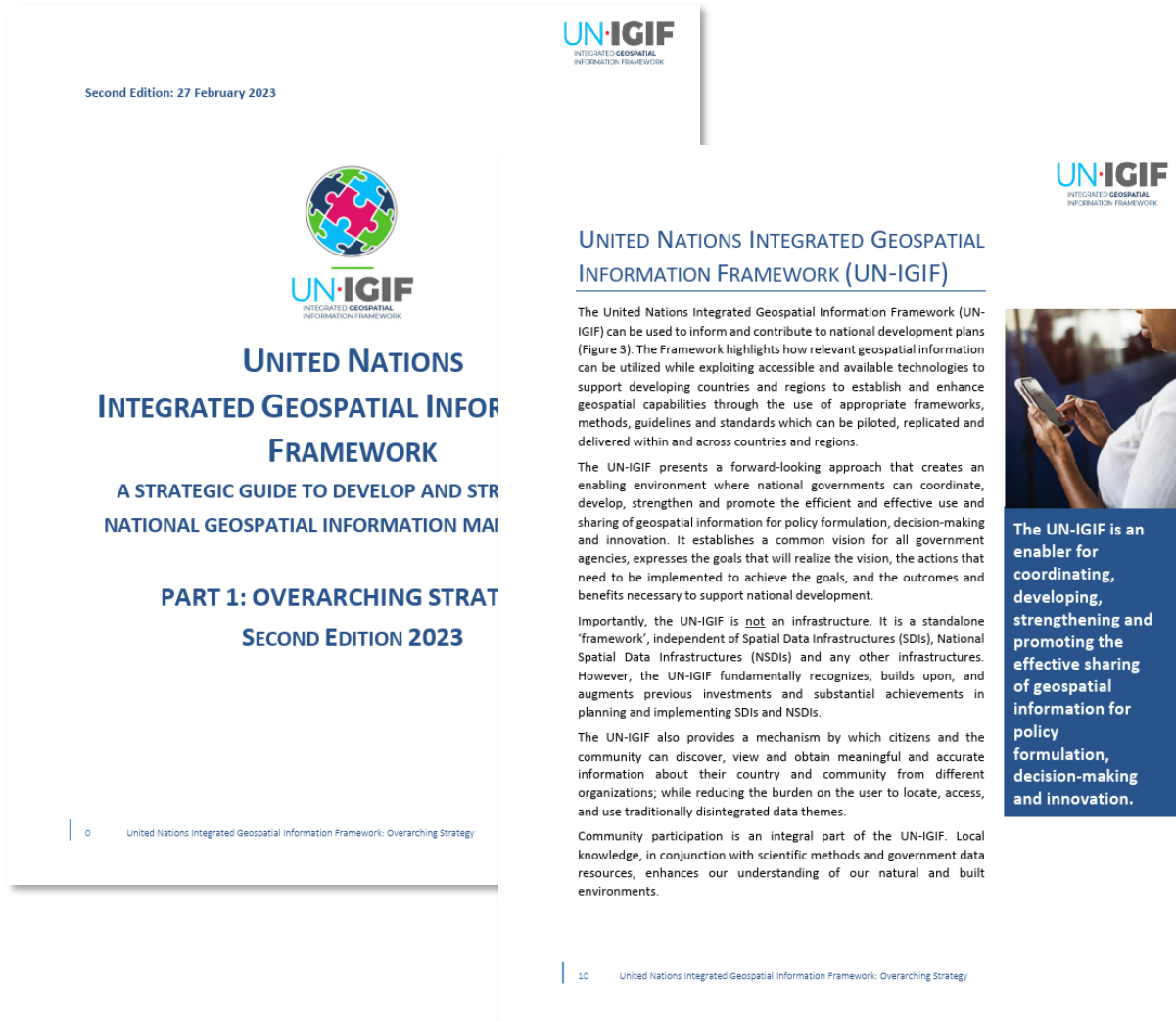
Part 1: Overarching Strategic Framework – **WHY** geospatial information is a critical element of national social and economic development and needs to be strengthened.

Part 2: Implementation Guide – **WHAT** actions can be taken to strengthen geospatial information management.

Part 3: Country-level Action Plans – **HOW** the actions will be carried out, **WHEN** and by **WHOM**.

<https://ggim.un.org/UN-IGIF/>

United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)



Part 1: Overarching Strategic Framework

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United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)

Governance and Institutions

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Strategic Pathway 1 Governance and Institutions

Strategic pathway establishes the leadership, governance model, institutional arrangements and a clear value proposition to strengthen multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder participation in, and a commitment to, achieving an Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.

Objective is to attain political endorsement, strengthen institutional mandates and build a cooperative data sharing environment through a shared vision and understanding of the value of an Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, and the roles and responsibilities to achieve the vision.

Summary

Geospatial information is increasingly being harnessed to interconnect and integrate government functions and commercial services - making cities more livable, citizens more engaged and informed and agricultural areas more productive. Traffic congestion, weather reports, air pollution, big data, locations, pest monitoring, flood sensors, and electricity outage applications are all underpinned by geospatial information that can be synthesized into a seamless knowledge environment so that information can be accessed quickly by users to make informed decisions. For government this means streamlining operations, reducing costs, enhancing evidence-based decision-making, and improving overall economic, social, and environmental sustainability.

This level of geospatial capability can only be achieved through cooperative governance framework and with strong leadership that infiltrates across sectors and through all levels of government. Institutions need to work together to share information and work towards common strategic priorities and goals.

By interconnecting government functions through well-functioning governance frameworks, it is possible to bring together geospatial information from multiple sources so that it can be used seamlessly on any digital platform or device.

Good governance and cooperative institutional arrangements are the first priority in the geospatial information reform agenda. They enable integrated geospatial information challenges to be met head-on, provide flexibility to accommodate the rapidly changing environment, and the ability to embrace community and business participation within a culture of digital reform and transformation.


Common to all governance and institutional arrangements are four key elements that are required to build a cooperative data sharing environment and an appreciation of the value of geospatial information for decision-making.

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The four elements are:

- **Governance Model** - based on a geospatial strategy for the nation and facilitated by governing bodies responsible for aligning and supporting policies and laws affecting the acquisition, creation, management, dissemination, and use of geospatial information.
- **Leadership** - to formulate and sustain a national geospatial information management strategy, develop a Country-level Action Plan for implementing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), and create a governance process for assuring effective management responsibilities for the enterprise.
- **Value Proposition** - that measures, monitors, and communicates the economic, political, societal, technological, and environmental benefits of integrated geospatial information to national priorities and for all citizens.
- **Institutional Arrangements** - that define roles and responsibilities across government for tasks associated with all aspects of geospatial information management, including appropriate coordination, management and oversight for meeting national priorities.



These elements are underpinned by principles that promote successful governance and institutional arrangements and which can be adopted by each country. The principles are put into practice through several strategic actions that deliver and strengthen participation and commitment to achieving the IGIF. Tools, such as matrices, examples and checklists, are provided in the appendices to assist countries to work through concepts and processes to successfully complete each action. The overall structure for governance and institutional arrangements is illustrated in and anchored by Figure 1.1.

When implemented the actions (and their interrelated actions¹) will enable the achievement of the four elements, which in turn will deliver significant and sustainable national outcomes and benefits for a country. These outcomes include attaining:

- Efficient planning and coordination of government geospatial information resources;
- Strengthened leadership and stakeholders, institutional mandates and political buy-in;
- A cooperative data sharing environment ; and
- A shared understanding of the value and benefit of integrated geospatial information management.

¹ Examples of the interrelated actions across Strategic Pathways are described in the introductory chapter: Solving the Puzzle: Understanding the Implementation Guide.

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Part 2: Implementation Guides

– **WHAT** actions can be taken to strengthen geospatial information management.

<https://ggim.un.org/UN-IGIF/part1.cshhtml>

United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)

National Spatial Data Infrastructure
A Strategy for Geo-driven Digital Transformation and Innovation in Mongolia 2020-2025

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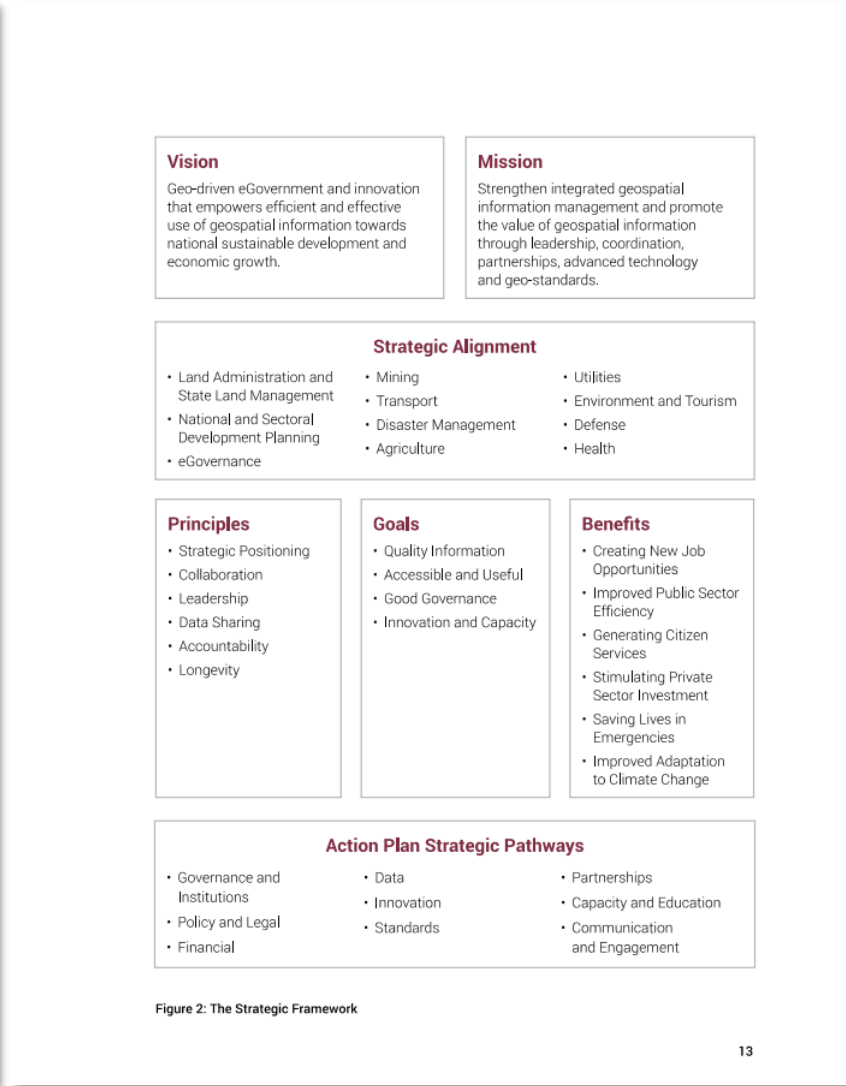


Figure 2: The Strategic Framework

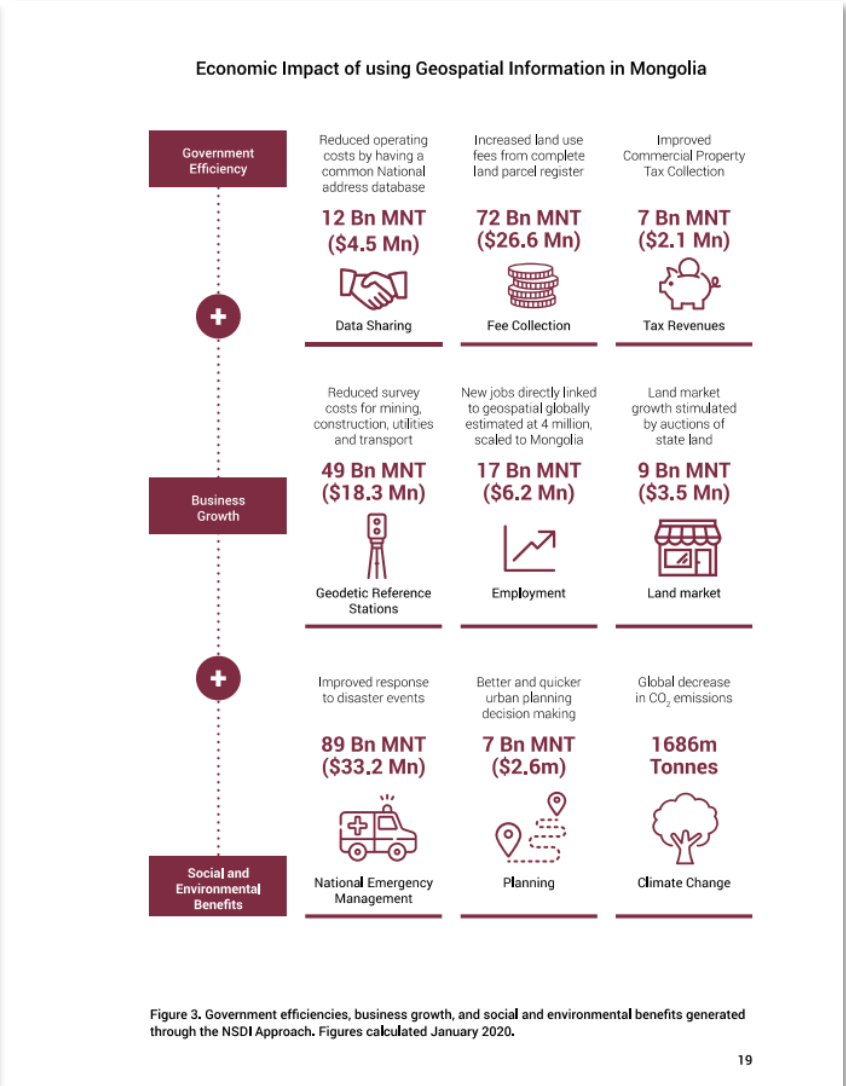


Figure 3. Government efficiencies, business growth, and social and environmental benefits generated through the NSDI Approach. Figures calculated January 2020.

Mongolia

Action Plan

The Action Plan is the "heart" of NSDI implementation. The plan is arranged according to the nine strategic pathways of the United Nations endorsed Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) (Figure 5). The pathways consist of - Governance and Institutions, Policy and Legal, Financial, Data, Innovation, Standards, Partnerships, Capacity and Education, and Communication and Engagement

The Action Plan is designed for implementation over a 5-year timeframe and operation for a least a further 7 years. It contains a total of 44 inter-dependent actions that form an integrated roadmap with outlines of costs and timeframes.

The pathway actions are illustrated in Figure 6, and discussed below.



Figure 5 The nine strategic pathways of the IGIF (Available at www.ggim.un.org/IGIF).



1 | Governance and Institutions

- Establish NSDI Committee, Program Office, Working Groups and Advisory Group
- Define the NSDI Governance Model
- Formulate the Geospatial Information Value Proposition
- Develop NSDI Geospatial Strategy
- Implement Monitoring and Evaluation Framework



4 | Data

- Establish Data Framework to organize government data holdings
- Densify the Geodetic Framework
- Complete the Cadastre, and Registration of State Land
- Provide National Access to Satellite Imagery
- Conduct Data Enhancement and Quality Improvements
- Create a single National Street Address Database
- Implement a 3D City Model for High Density City Area of Ulaanbaatar and AIMAG centres
- Integrate Statistical and Geospatial Data
- Update Geographical Names Database
- Ensure secure storage and protection of data and systems
- Identify geospatial datasets for Pandemic Response



7 | Partnerships

- Strengthen and Formalize Partnerships between government agencies and private sector within Mongolia
- Establish twinning arrangements with other countries to share experiences
- Seek International Collaboration



2 | Policy and Legal

- Endorse SDI Law (in progress)
- Establish NSDI Policy and Legal Framework including privacy laws to guide data release and use of geospatial data
- Prepare a Policy and Legal Compliance Strategy



5 | Innovation

- Develop National Geoportals
- Operationalize National Emergency Management Agency geospatial system
- Design National One Map Database System
- Design and Develop Common APIs for NSDI contributing agencies
- Embed Geospatial in existing Public Sector Innovation Programs
- Develop Centre for Geospatial Excellence



8 | Capacity and Education

- Develop an NSDI Capacity Building and Education Strategy
- Conduct an NSDI Skills Gap Analysis
- Enhance Capabilities in Tertiary Level Education
- Enhance Teaching and Awareness of Geospatial Information in School Curricula
- Foster Geospatial Entrepreneurship
- Provide training on the use/misuse of data resources to all stakeholders



3 | Financial

- Establish NSDI Financial Program Management and Leadership
- Review Best Practice NSDI Investment Programs
- Evaluate Alternate Funding Models
- Develop the Investment Business Case



6 | Standards

- Strengthen and formalize cross-government partnerships
- Develop Compliance Mechanisms for Standards
- Build Knowledge and Skills Capacity in application of Standards
- Agree and adopt international standards where appropriate



9 | Communication and Engagement

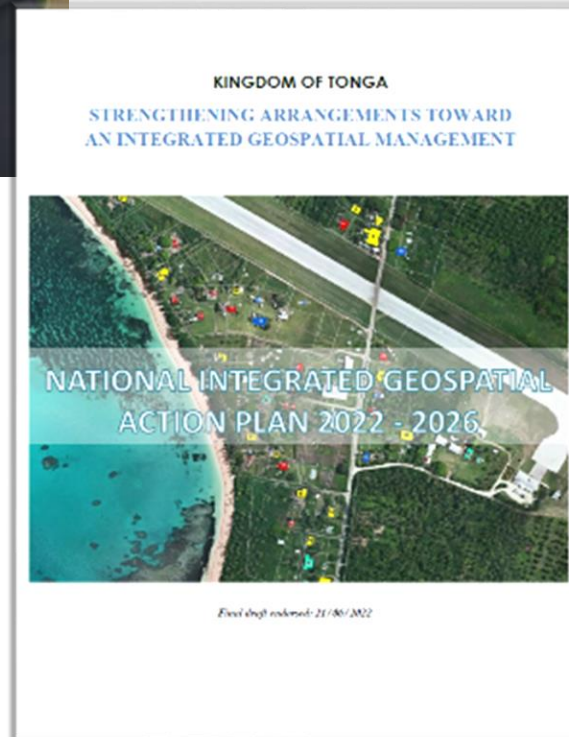
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- Create an Outreach Group

Figure 6. The Nine Strategic Pathways and Associated Actions



“ Today is a digital era; **geospatial information** is a digital fuel for government and services. Data from many sources. We need to **act with knowledge and evidence.** ”

Hon. Samiu Vaipulu
Deputy Prime Minister
Kingdom of Tonga
September 2023



“ The implementation of this **Action Plan** will provide Tonga with a truly **national** collaborative approach to improving the management and **use of this valuable digital asset.** Strengthen government at all levels and strengthen industry. ”



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United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

(c) Welcomed the **communication materials developed by the High-level Group**, noting their importance in raising awareness and supporting global capacity-development efforts, and further encouraged Member States to contribute to the development of case studies demonstrating the benefits of the implementation of the Framework;

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(e) Acknowledged the progress made by the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre in finalizing its workplan, appreciated its alignment with the strategy of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, and **urged the Centre and the Secretariat to focus on assisting Member States with practical, results-driven support for national implementation of the Framework;**



To be discussed on UN-IGIF

Value of geospatial information for SDGs and National priorities

Leadership

Guidance & good practices

Implementation



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A world **where** geospatial information solves local to global challenges



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