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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON  
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL  
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

**Workshop on United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)  
'Implementing geospatial strategies,  
advancing development, innovation and resilience'**

Santiago de Chile, ECLAC (Chile), 3-4 November 2025

**Draft 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 the Americas, contributing to the global call for enhancing national geospatial information management capabilities for Member States. The workshop is organized and hosted ahead of the annual Regional committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Americas (UN-GGIM Americas), to be held through and in ECLAC on 5-7 November 2025, to ensure broad engagement and awareness on the UN-IGIF and its benefits for national priorities and international agendas, and to support attendance of countries to the annual regional plenary in the Americas.

At this critical juncture, less than five years away from the target of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, many countries in the Americas 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 Americas, 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.

**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 the Americas, in close coordination with the Secretariat of UN-GGIM.

Meeting participants will include Members of the UNGGIM Americas 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.

**Provisional Agenda (tentative)**

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





<b>Day 1 – Advancing national priorities through geospatial information management</b>	
<p><b>Welcome and introduction (9h30-10h00)</b></p>	<p><b>Setting the Scene</b>          Providing welcome, introductions, setting expectations, and anticipated outcomes before confirming set-up and organization for the two days.</p> <p><b>Welcome, opening remarks and introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rolando Ocampo, Director Statistics Division, ECLAC</li> <li>• Li Pengde, Director United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (video)</li> <li>• Sofía Nilo, President Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas, UN-GGIM: Américas</li> <li>• Participants introduction and setting the scene for the workshop</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Group photo</b></p>
<p><b>Session I-2 10h30-12h00</b></p>	<p><b>UN-GGIM: programme of work and the implementation of the UN-IGIF (90')</b></p> <p>In this segment, organizers will provide a rapid overview responsibilities and tools from GGIM and UNGGKIC 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of programme of work of the Committee of Experts and enhancing global geospatial information management <i>Guillaume Le Sourd, UN-GGIM Secretariat</i></li> <li>• Overview on the work program of the High-Level Group on the UN-IGIF <i>Deirdre Bishop, US Census Bureau, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF</i></li> <li>• Current priorities activities toward the UN-IGIF implementation <i>Jean Maurice Muneza, UNGGKIC</i></li> <li>• ECLAC and regional support for IGIF implementation in the Americas <i>Alvaro Monett, Regional Geospatial Advisor, ECLAC</i></li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session I-3 13h30-15h00</b></p>	<p><b>Country implementation: successes and challenges of implementing the UN-IGIF</b></p> <p>Member States, regional entities, subject-matter experts, organizations, and stakeholders will set the stage and provide perspectives and ‘status report’ on their achievements and challenges in the preparation of country-level Action Plans, leveraging the UN-IGIF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current progress and status on the implementation of the UN-IGIF in the Americas: insights from the survey and way forward <i>Marisol Carrasco, UN-GGIM Americas, Working Group on the UN-IGIF</i></li> <li>• Successes and challenges in the use of the UN-IGIF to strengthen geospatial information management to advance national priorities and global agendas <i>National experiences from the subregions (TBC: Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia, Canada, Argentina, Panama)</i></li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>





<p><b>Session I-4</b>  <b>15h30-17h00</b></p>	<p><b>Enhancing geospatial information management arrangements (90')</b></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel Discussion: Progress, gaps, and priorities of Member States in implementing UN-IGIF  <i>Moderated by Marcelo Emery, WG Capacity Development HLG-IGIF</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Common challenges and opportunities to advance the implementation of the UN-IGIF in the Americas (Dominican Republic, Chile)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Identification of basic requirements and conditions to begin national implementation (Colombia, Costa Rica)</i></li> <li>3. <i>Articulating global and regional efforts to support the implementation of the UN-IGIF in the Americas (Mexico, Brazil)</i></li> <li>4. <i>HLG-IGIF Sustainable Funding Guide: How to get financial support for geospatial information management - Eng. Mohammad Almbrook – GEOSA, Saudi Arabia (video)</i></li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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**Day 2 – Leadership in advancing geospatial information management**

<p><b>Session II-1</b>  <b>9h00-10h30</b></p>	<p><b>Developing a Country-level Action Plan</b></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to CAP method and perspectives  <i>Guillaume Le Sourd, UN-GGIM Secretariat</i></li> <li>• Good practices and challenges across regions beyond the Americas  <i>Jean Maurice Muneza, UN-GGKIC</i></li> <li>• Good practices and challenges developing Country-level Action Plans, methods and approach considerations  <i>Roundtable of national experiences from countries with the CAP approaches: advantages and challenges of different approaches</i></li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>
<p><b>Session II-2</b>  <b>11h00-12h30</b></p>	<p><b>Developing Leadership through multi-stakeholder cooperation</b></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 private sector, academia, civil society, and international organizations fostering collaborative approaches and integrating cross-cutting knowledge and capacities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing geospatial value and benefits, advancing national priorities and global agendas  <i>Guillaume Le Sourd, UN-GGIM Secretariat</i></li> <li>• Open discussion / breakout sessions</li> <li>• Geospatial Leadership capacity development programme: Urgency, skills requirements, multidisciplinary and support from UNGGKIC  <i>Jean Maurice Muneza, UN-GGKIC</i></li> </ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roundtable and open discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Session II-3</b> <b>14h00-15h30</b>	<b>Partnership and innovation</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships and role of the private sector <i>Valrie Grant, UN-GGIM Private Sector Network</i></li> <li>• Partnership and role of Academic network <i>Rosario Casanova, Coordinator UN-GGIM: Americas Academic Network</i></li> <li>• Pan American Institute of Geography and History <i>Antonio Campuzano, Secretary General (PAIGH)</i></li> <li>• SIRGAS <i>Gustavo Caubarrère, President</i></li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Summary and wrap up</b> <b>16h00-17h00</b>	<b>Summary and Wrap-up for the workshop</b> The organizers will provide a summary and wrap-up for the workshop and discuss next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary and wrap up for the workshop <i>Alvaro Monett, ECLAC</i></li> <li>• Next steps, partnerships and collaboration to advance the implementation of UN-IGIF in the Americas <i>Rolando Ocampo, ECLAC</i></li> </ul>

## Organizers

This event is organized jointly by the UN-GGIM Americas, the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin Americas and the Caribbean (ECLAC) 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 and Spanish, supported by simultaneous interpretation.

## 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 Americas. 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 the Conference Room Celso Furtado in ECLAC, Santiago de Chile.





## Dates

The dates for this event are 3-4 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 Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

## 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 Santiago de Chile, Chile. 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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