



# Report for the IGIF Working Group- UN-GGIM : Arab States

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# Objectives of the IGIF Working Group- UN-GGIM : Arab States

## Objectives:

The objectives of the Working Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework are:

- 2.1 Encourage the development and strengthening of integrated geospatial information management of Member States while making use of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework which includes a comprehensive strategy, an implementation guide and a country-level action plan.
- 2.2 Encourage the use of internationally agreed geospatial information frameworks, rules, guidelines and schemas to improve the growing needs, concerns and requirements for the interdependence of stakeholders and users of geospatial information.
- 2.3 Support the Committee of Experts in developing norms, principles, guidelines and standards to increase the availability of timely, reliable and accessible high-quality, geospatial information, including developing innovation, increasing consumption, and facilitating distribution



# Tasks of Objectives of the IGIF Working Group UN-GGIM : Arab States

## Tasks of the Working Group:

Facilitate dialogue and coordination among the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management - Arab States, the UN system, and other stakeholders to enhance the understanding, use, and adoption of integrated geospatial information, accelerating national development priorities.

- Topics for dialogue and coordination include:
  - Sharing experiences on governance and institutional roles in implementing the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework at the national level.
  - Communicating strategies and expertise in financial management.
  - Promoting regional cooperation through national expertise in geospatial information acquisition, management, and usage.
  - Advancing statistical and geospatial integration to highlight contributions to initiatives like the Sustainable Development Goals.
  - Sharing opportunities to enhance the usability and benefits of geospatial data.
  - Highlighting examples of innovation benefiting Member States.
  - Sharing case studies of both successful and unsuccessful partnerships in advancing geospatial information.
  - Identifying effective training and education opportunities for Member States and the region.
  - Employing tailored strategies to address specific communication needs and interests.



# Achievements of the IGIF Working Group UN-GGIM : Arab States in 2024-2025

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Conducted 8 meetings to address the group's objectives and tasks.

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Prepared an initial concept based on the group's objectives and framework implementation priorities.

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Held workshops to review and analyze the tools available for creating a National Action Plan for IGIF implementation.

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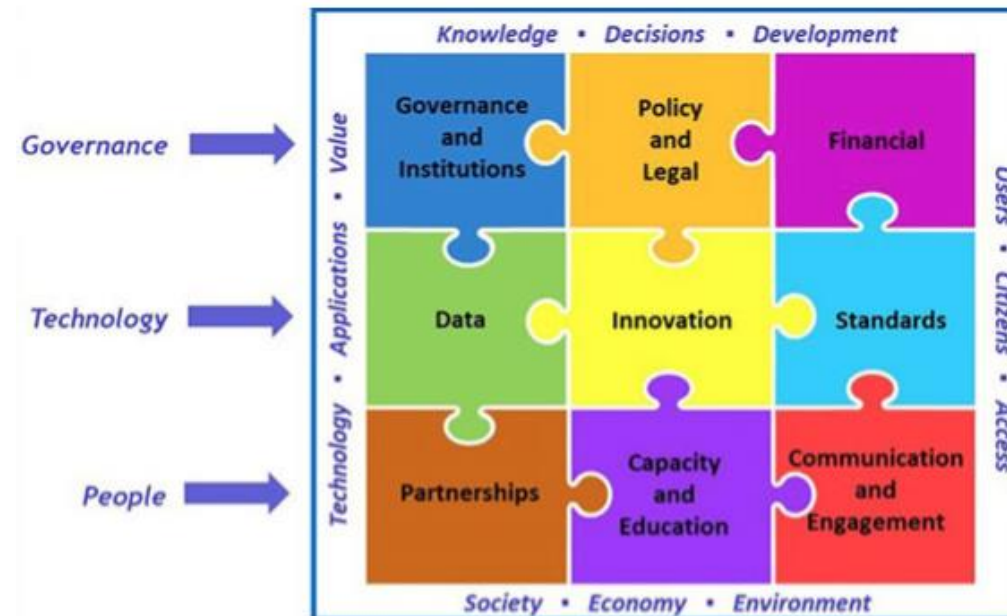
Developed the 2025 work plan, focusing on experience exchange and supporting the development of National Action Plans for IGIF implementation



# Priority of the IGIF Working Group UN-GGIM : Arab States in 2025

**Focus:** Facilitate experience exchange and support the development of National Action Plans for IGIF implementation.

**Goal:** Achieve 50% completion of the National Action Plan for one or more Member States by 2025.



# IGIF Working Group : Arab States Work Plan

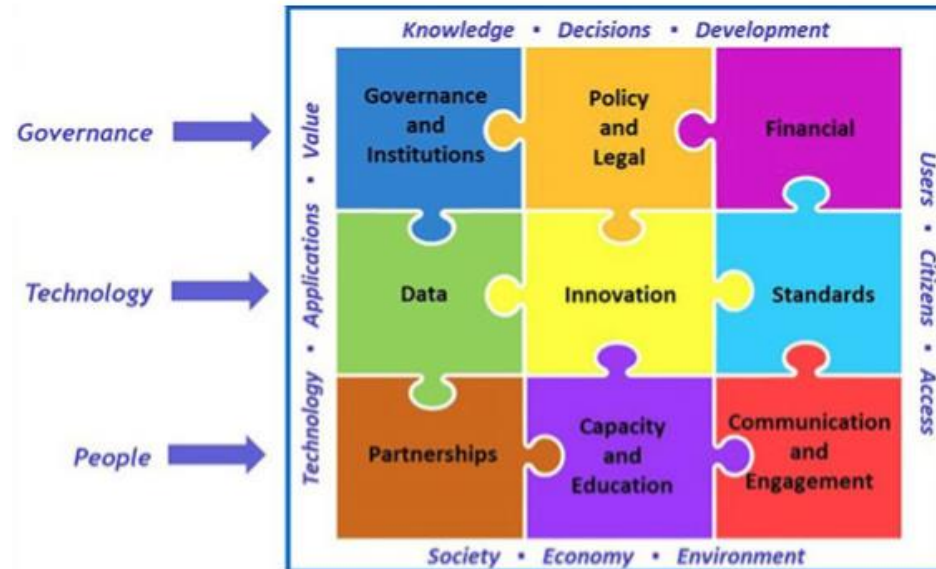
**Goal/Target: Achieve 50% completion of the CAP development for at least one Member State by 2025.**

Task	Responsible Entity	Status
Translation of the IGIF Assessment Survey to Arabic	KSA, JORD	%100
Evaluate the current status of IGIF implementation among UN-GGIM Arab States through a survey.	BHR	%100
Identify Member States interested in developing a Country-Level Action Plan (CAP).	BHR	
Collect priorities of interested Member States for IGIF implementation.	BHR	
Engage working groups and thematic groups to support Member States in achieving their IGIF priorities.	Mr. Tim Trainor	
Provide guidance on CAP development, sharing lessons learned.	KSA,..... to be decided	
Conduct a baseline survey to assess the geospatial information management ecosystem in Member States.	KSA, IRQ	
Discuss strategies and best practices for public-private partnerships in IGIF implementation	To be decided	
Explore opportunities for collaboration with The United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation in China	To be decided	
Discuss sustainable funding models for IGIF implementation.	KSA	
Organize workshops to detail CAP tasks, including briefing sessions and review/feedback sessions. (Each task contains 1 briefing session , 1 review and feedback session conducted after 2-3 weeks)		
Outline the step-by-step process for CAP development.	TBD on the first meeting	
Hold periodic meetings to track progress of Member States, using a prepared PPT template.	Participating member state	
Assess the progress of the participating Member countries in CAP development and report it. Percentage completion of each stage, and survey to assess the progress made by all countries and provide feedback.	BHR	



# Topic Open for Discussion

Identify the key priorities of Member States interested in implementing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework



## Goal:

1. Identify the priorities of Member States in the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF)
2. Establish a framework for prioritizing the implementation of the IGIF based on identified needs and objectives.
3. Create opportunities to support Member States in addressing their priorities and advancing the implementation of the IGIF.





# Support needed to implement the 2025 Action Plan of the IGIF Working Group

	Support needed to implement the team's 2025 work plan	Goals
1	<b>Development of a Reference Resource:</b> Create a comprehensive list of interested countries, detailing their areas of expertise and contributions toward IGIF implementation. Share this resource with Member States to facilitate consultations and collaboration in achieving their priorities. Promote the reference to all Member States.	Facilitate collaboration and the exchange of expertise among Member States to advance IGIF implementation
2	<b>List of Recommended Experts and Consultants:</b> Compile a directory of experts, consulting firms, and specialists in IGIF implementation, categorized by their areas of expertise, to assist countries in requesting tailored services.	Provide Member States with easy access to specialized expertise and advisory services for effectively implementing the framework.
3	<b>Survey Analysis Support:</b> Assistance is required from the UK and the Communication Working Group to analyze the survey results effectively.	
4	<b>Capacity-Building Webinars/Workshops:</b> Organize sessions focused on sustainable funding models and business strategies to support IGIF implementation.	Strengthen Member States' capabilities by offering targeted support for sustainable financing strategies related to framework implementation plans and geospatial information management.
5	<b>Expert Guidance for CAP Review:</b> Engage experts to provide feedback during review sessions of the Country-Level Action Plan (CAP).	
6	<b>Development and Promotion of Case Studies:</b> Prepare case studies on successful public-private partnerships (e.g., Germany's strategy) and host webinars to showcase their role in advancing IGIF implementation. Collaboration with the UN-GGIM Private Network and Member States is recommended.	
7	<b>Workshops on Country-Level Action Plan Development:</b> Conduct webinars and workshops to guide Member States in developing their Country-Level Action Plans for IGIF implementation.	Promote knowledge sharing and the exchange of successful practices among Member States to enhance collective progress.



# Recommendations

**Call for Participation:** Inviting Member States interested in contributing to the implementation of the National Action Plan for the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.

**Sharing Expertise:** Encouraging Member States with relevant expertise to share their experiences in implementing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.

**Questionnaire Submission:** Requesting Member States to complete the questionnaire to evaluate the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in the Arab States.

**Engaging Support Networks:** Inviting working groups of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Geospatial Information Management, including the Private and Academic Sector Network and Thematic Groups, to support interested countries in achieving their priorities.



# Appendix

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# Global Survey on the Use and Implementation of the UN-IGIF

## Survey

The purpose of the survey is to gain a high-level understanding of the use and implementation of the UN-IGIF by Member States globally.

<https://forms.office.com/r/rxh5DcEFgx>

Member States are requested to fill out the questionnaire for evaluating the implementation of the Integrated Framework for Geospatial Information within the Arab States

استبيان حول استخدام UN-IGIF Survey  
وتطبيق الإطار المتكامل للمعلومات  
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# Challenges

- Limited participation of Member States in the implementation of the action plan.
- Unclear priorities of Member States in adopting and implementing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework at the national level.
- Financial constraints or administrative challenges hindering the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework at the national level.



## To be discussed:

- Expressing opinions on the team's work plan, including input from Member States and working groups of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.
- Listing the countries interested in joining the team and implementing the action plan.
- Defining the roles and responsibilities of Member States in carrying out the action plan.
- Agreeing on the schedule for team meetings





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