

Fifth Plenary Meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

Jeddah Hilton, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

2 – 3 February 2025

Background

The High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF) is actively implementing its Strategic Plan and Plan of Work to provide the strategic leadership, promotion, coordination, planning and oversight for the global uptake and implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF). In 2021, the group prioritized three goals for immediate action: improve communication, strengthen capacity development, and mobilize sustainable funding. To advance these goals, three work groups were created during the First Plenary Meeting on April 26-28, 2022. Since then, the HLG-IGIF has made significant progress on these priorities.

At the Third Plenary in January 2024 in Aguascalientes, Mexico, the HLG-IGIF reviewed and recommended updates to the Strategic Plan. The recommendations from the HLG-IGIF and attending partners included streamlining, prioritizing, and reducing duplication. As a result, the Strategic Plan was revised, reducing the number of goals from six to four by merging related goals. The HLG-IGIF established several key priorities including: 1) Strengthen communication strategy, objectives, and support materials for the UN-IGIF. 2) Finalize, translate, and publish all UN-IGIF documents and resource materials, and evaluate if changes are needed. 3) Establish a central repository/website with all available documents and materials related to the UN-IGIF, including links to resources and e-Learning. 4) Establish a strong working relationship with the UN-GGKIC. 5) Re-evaluate the role of the HLG-IGIF in light of the UN-GGKIC and expanded Secretariat, and consider if a more strategic approach is needed.

During the Fourth Plenary Meeting in August 2024 in New York, the Strategic Plan was adopted and the HLG-IGIF Work Groups presented proposed changes to the work plans based on the updated Strategic Plan and the HLG-IGIF priorities established in Aguascalientes. Recognizing the new United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC) and the expanded Secretariat, the HLG-IGIF noted the need for clarification of roles and responsibilities. The HLG-IGIF Work Plan was approved, with the understanding that it would be revisited in the near future to better align with the new UN-GGKIC and the expanded Secretariat.

At the Fifth Plenary meeting, the HLG-IGIF will review the UN-IGIF specific 2025 priority activities and associated needs as identified by the HLG-IGIF Work Groups, UN-GGKIC, UN-GGIM Regional Committees, Secretariat, and the SDG Data Alliance. The group will focus on clearly defining roles, responsibilities, and collaboration requirements. Each identified priority will be assessed to ensure it has a designated lead, with contributors and stakeholders clearly outlined. This assessment will help the group to finalize the HLG-IGIF work plan, and ensure a well-defined roadmap for 2025 that takes into account the additional resources anticipated from the UN-GGKIC and UN-GGIM Secretariat.

Provisional Agenda

The provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Welcome, introduction and organization of the meeting
2. Strategic overview
3. Updates and deliverables
 - 3.1. Global UN-IGIF Survey Results
 - 3.2. Sustainable Funding Guide Launch
4. UN-IGIF priorities and needs
 - 4.1. Work groups of the HLG-IGIF
 - a) Capacity Development
 - b) Sustainable Funding
 - c) Communications
 - 4.2. UN-GGIM Regional Committee
 - a) UN-GGIM: Africa
 - b) UN-GGIM: Americas
 - c) UN-GGIM: Arab States
 - d) UN-GGIM: Asia Pacific
 - e) UN-GGIM: Europe
5. Perspectives, priorities, collaboration and partnerships
 - 5.1. SDG Data Alliance
 - 5.2. UN-GGKIC
 - 5.3. UN-GGIM Secretariat
6. Priorities, alignment of activities, and plan of action for 2025
7. Outcomes and next steps, next meeting, and close

Organization of the Meeting

The two days will be organized into four meeting sessions as follows:

Sunday, 2 February 2025

- Session 1: 8:30 am – 10:00 am
- Session 2: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
- Session 3: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
- Session 4: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Monday, 3 February 2025

- Session 5: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
- Session 6: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Sunday, 2 February 2025

Session 1: 8:30 am – 10:00 am

8:30 pm - **Agenda 1. Welcome, introduction, and organization of the meeting**

8:50 pm

Facilitated by:

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF
Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Notes:

- (i) During this segment, the HLG-IGIF Co-Chairs, Head of the UN-GGIM: Arab States, UN-GGIM Co-Chair, and UN Statistics Division will provide brief opening remarks.*
- (ii) This segment of the meeting will present the organization for the Fifth Plenary meeting, review and adopt the agenda, and include any announcements by the UN-GGIM Secretariat or UN-GGIM: Arab States.*

8:50 am – **Agenda 2. Strategic overview**
9:00am

Discussion

Facilitated by:

Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Notes:

- (i) This segment will provide an overview of outcomes, decisions, and recommendations from the Fourth Plenary meeting held in August in New York.*
- (ii) This segment will include an overview of the prework activity conducted by the various groups advancing the UN-IGIF, share details on how the prework will be utilized, and outline what the HLG-IGIF aims to accomplish during the Fifth Plenary meeting.*

9:00 am – **Agenda 3. Updates and deliverables**
10:00 am

Presentations

Presenter:

Mr. Marcelo Emery, Co-Lead, Capacity Development Work Group
Mr. Mohammed Al-Sayel/Mr. Mohammad Almabrook/Ms. Odete Semião, Co-Leads, Sustainable Funding Work Group

Notes:

- (i) The Co-Lead of the Capacity Development Work Group will share the final results report of the Global UN-IGIF Survey.*
- (ii) The Co-Leads of the Sustainable Funding Work Group will formally launch the Sustainable Funding Guide and flyer, and also provide an update on the Geospatial Value Study Inventory (GeoVSI).*

10:00 am – **Break**
10:30 am

Session 2: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

10:30 am – **Agenda 4.1 and 4.2 UN-IGIF Priorities and Needs for 2025**
12:00 pm

Presentations and questions

Facilitated by:

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Presenters:

4.1: HLG-IGIF Work Group Co-Leads:

Mr. Marcelo Emery, Co-Lead, Capacity Development Work Group

Mr. Mohammed Al-Sayel/Mr. Mohammad Almabrook/Ms. Odete Semião, Co-Leads, Sustainable Funding Working Group

Mr. Jamie Clark/Mr. Tandang Yuliadi Dwi Putra, Co-Leads, Communications Work Group

4.2: UN-GGIM Regional Committees:

Mr. Clinton Heimann, Chair, UN-GGIM: Africa

Ms. Sofia Nilo, President, UN-GGIM: Americas

Notes:

(i) *This segment discusses the 2025 UN-IGIF priority activities and associated needs of each of the HLG-IGIF Work Groups and two of the regional committees.*

(ii) *The HLG-IGIF will have the opportunity to ask questions to ensure a clear understanding of the priorities and needs.*

12:00 pm – **Lunch Break**
1:00 pm

Session 3: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

1:00 pm – **Agenda 4.2 UN-IGIF Priorities and Needs for 2025 (continued)**
1:45 pm

Presentations and questions

Facilitated by:

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Presenters:

Ms. May Mohammed A. Wahab Al-Khalifa, UN-GGIM: Arab States UN-IGIF Work Group Lead

Mr. Antonius B Wijanarto, President, UN-GGIM: Asia Pacific

Mr. James Norris, UN-GGIM: Europe UN-IGIF Work Group Lead

Notes:

(i) *This segment continues the discussion of 2025 UN-IGIF priority activities and associated needs of each of the UN-GGIM Regional Committees.*

(ii) *The HLG-IGIF will have the opportunity to ask questions to ensure a clear understanding of the priority activities and needs.*

1:45 pm – **Agenda 5. Perspectives, priorities, collaboration, and partnerships**
2:30 pm

Presentations and questions

Facilitated by:

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Presenters:

Mr. Tim Trainor, SDG Data Alliance
Mr. Pengde Li, UN-GGKIC
Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd, UN-GGIM Secretariat

Notes:

- (i) *This segment discusses the 2025 UN-IGIF priority activities and perspectives from the SDG Data Alliance, UN-GGKIC, and the UN-GGIM Secretariat, as well as collaborations and partnerships.*
- (ii) *The HLG-IGIF will have the opportunity to ask questions to ensure a clear understanding of the priority activities and needs.*

2:30 pm – **Break**
3:00 pm

Session 4: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

3:00 pm – **Agenda 6. Priorities, alignment of activities, plan of action for 2025**
4:15 pm

Presentation and Discussion

Presenter:

Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Notes:

- (i) *This segment will provide an overview of the prework process and findings. The Co-Chairs will seek agreement on final list of priority activities and outline the next steps for establishing our 2025 roadmap.*
- (ii) *The HLG-IGIF will discuss and review each identified priority to ensure it has a designated lead, with contributors and stakeholders clearly outlined.*

4:15 pm – **Day 1 Wrap-up**
4:30 pm

The Co-Chairs will briefly summarize the discussions and quickly review the organization of the meeting for the next day.

Monday, 3 February 2025

Session 5: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

1:00 pm – **Day 2 Introduction**
1:10 pm

The Co-Chairs will briefly recap key elements of the discussions from Day 1 and also recap the organization of the meeting for the day.

1:10 pm – **Agenda 6. Priorities, alignment of activities, plan of action for 2025 (continued)**
2:30 pm

Facilitated discussion.

Facilitated by:

Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Notes:

- (i) *The HLG-IGIF will discuss and review each identified priority to ensure it has a designated lead, with contributors and stakeholders clearly outlined.*

2:30 pm – **Break**
3:00 pm

Session 6: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

3:00 pm – **Agenda 6. Priorities, alignment of activities, plan of action for 2025 (continued)**
3:30 pm

Facilitated discussion.

Facilitated by:

Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF

Notes:

- (i) *The HLG-IGIF will discuss and review each identified priority to ensure it has a designated lead, with contributors and stakeholders clearly outlined.*
- (ii) *This assessment will outline a clear path forward, defining roles and responsibilities in detail, so that HLG-IGIF members and stakeholders understand expectations, and can proceed with a well-structured roadmap for success in 2025.*

3:30 pm – **Agenda 7. Outcomes and next steps, next meeting and close**
3:45 pm

- (i) *The Co-Chairs of the HLG-IGIF will provide their summary of key takeaways, outcomes, and decisions of the meeting over the last two days, and discuss next steps for the HLG-IGIF.*
- (ii) *HLG-IGIF Co-Chairs will close the meeting.*

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