

Expert Consultation and Meeting on Enhancing Geospatial Information Management Arrangements and Accelerating Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Sub-regional Workshop on the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) for Central Asia, South Asia, and neighboring countries

Implementing geospatial strategies: challenges and opportunities

Session IV-2: Addressing major challenges and barriers in enhancing geospatial information at the regional level



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Common challenges identified during the week

1. Unclear leadership
2. Difficulties to raise awareness of geospatial values and gain political support
3. Data digitalization, quality and sharing
4. Shortage of institutional capacity and technical expertise, brain drain
5. Inadequate legal and regulatory framework
6. Limited financial resources



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Potential regional cooperation and/or coordination activities

1. Knowledge repository that could contain:

- Country focal point directory
- An IGIF expertise directory
- IGIF glossary of term
- IGIF documentation
- Country documentation (strategies, action plans, policies, data specifications,...)
- Country use cases

2. Capacity building

- IGIF MOOC
- Virtual technical support

3. Resource mobilization

1. List of funding opportunities (e.g. ESCAP technical support program)



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