



**Expert consultation and meeting on
Enhancing Geospatial Information Management Arrangements and
Accelerating the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals together with the
Sub-regional Workshop on United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework
(UN-IGIF) for Southern Africa**

'Implementing geospatial strategies: challenges and opportunities'

Maputo, Mozambique, 24-28 March 2025

Annotated agenda

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Monday 24 March: Workshop – Setting the scene - Day 1		
08:30-09:00	Registration of Participants	
09:00-10:15	Welcome, Introductions and Opening <i>Moderator: Ms. Odete Semiao</i>	
09:00	Opening Remarks <i>Welcome remarks by the host, organizer, and regional dimensions from the Chair of the regional Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) for Africa.</i>	<p>Agência Nacional de Desenvolvimento Geo-Espacial Ms. Odete Semiao</p> <p>UN Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Mr. Pengde Li</p> <p>Chair of the Regional Committee of UN-GGIM Africa Mr. Clinton Heimann</p> <p>United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Mr. André Nonguierma</p>
09:30	Aims, Objectives and Format <i>This event is the first of series of expert consultations and meetings gathering sub-regional groups in capacity development and knowledge transfer workshops, to strengthen and enhance national geospatial information management arrangements.</i>	<p>UN-GGIM Secretariat Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd</p>
10:00	Introductions and welcome <i>Participants briefly introduce themselves and their expectations and anticipated outcomes before confirming set-up and organization for the five days.</i>	Brief introductions and expectation-setting around the room.
10:00	Group photo	





10:15-10:45	Networking Break	
10:45-12:30	Session I-1: Setting the Scene <i>Moderator: Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd, UN-GGIM Secretariat</i>	Presenters/Discussants
	<p><i>Noting the broad representation from countries and stakeholders, provide a brief overview of the aims and objectives of the five-day events.</i></p> <p><i>The session will introduce the current global context and ongoing efforts to strengthen and enhance national geospatial information management arrangements. This session will Set the Scene as to the context of the workshop and bring all participants to a common understanding of the developments at global and regional level in providing an overview of the following topics:</i></p>	
10:45	UN-GGIM: Mandates and supporting countries in the implementation of the UN-IGIF.	UN-GGIM Secretariat <i>Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd</i>
11:05	HLG-IGIF: Current priorities and objectives towards the implementation of UN-IGIF.	Co-Chair HLG-IGIF <i>Mr. Fernand Isseri</i>
11:25	UN-GGKIC: Current priorities and objectives of the Centre in supporting countries	UN-GGKIC <i>Mr. Pengde Li</i>
11:45	UN-ECA: Mandates and current organization of the programme of work and working groups in Africa	Economic Commission for Africa <i>Mr. André Nonguierma</i>
12:05	SDG Data Alliance: experiences on implementing the UN-IGIF and establishing SDG Data Hubs	SDG Data Alliance <i>Mr. Greg Scott</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-15:00	Session I-2: Status Reports (countries) <i>Moderator: Mr. Fernand Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF</i>	Presenters/Discussants
	<p><i>Countries will provide a brief high-level 'status report' and situational analysis to aid our collective understandings, challenges, and opportunities for enhancing national geospatial information management arrangements and needs towards a resilient and sustainable future.</i></p>	
13:30	Burundi	<i>Mr. Julius Niyongabo</i>
13:40	Cameroon	<i>Mr. Fernand Isseri</i>
13:50	Comoros	<i>Mr. Nair Aboubacar</i>
14:00	Eswatini	<i>Mr. Patrick B.S. Mkhonta</i>
14:10	Lesotho	<i>Mr. Pheello Ramotubei</i>
14:20	Malawi	<i>Mr. Masida Mbano</i>
14:30	Mozambique	<i>Ms. Sara Taibo</i>
14:40	South Africa	<i>Mr Clinton Heimann</i>
15:00	Zimbabwe	<i>Mr. Cephas Magauze</i>





15:00-15:30	Networking Break	
15:30-17:00	Session I-2: Status Reports (continued, regional) <i>Moderator: Mr. André Nonguierma, ECA</i>	Presenters/Discussants
	<i>Regional entities will provide a brief high-level 'status report' and situational analysis to aid our collective understandings, challenges, and opportunities for enhancing national geospatial information management arrangements and needs.</i>	
15:40	Chair for UN-GGIM Africa	<i>Mr. Clinton Heimann</i>
15:50	Economic Commission for Africa	<i>Mr. André Nonguierma</i>
16:00	SDG Data Alliance	<i>Mr. Greg Scott</i>
16:10	Health Information System, aligning with the IGIF	<i>Mr. Steeve Ebener</i>
16:30	Open Discussion	
16:50-17:00	Wrap-up and Summary of Day 1	<i>Mr. Pengde Li</i> <i>Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd</i>

Tuesday 25 March: Workshop – Understanding the UN-IGIF - Day 2		
08:45-09:00	Arrival of Participants	
09:00-10:15	Session I-3: Mandates, responsibilities and progress of UN-GGIM	Presenters/Discussants
09:00	<i>An overview will be provided on the current progress and responsibilities of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), its role and current activities.</i> Current functional groups, activities and events of the Committee of Experts, where do I fit in?	<i>Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd</i>
	Session II-1: Introduction to the UN-IGIF and CAP Process <i>Moderator: Mr. Clinton Heimann, UN-GGIM Africa</i>	
09:00	<i>This Session will introduce and detail the UN-IGIF and the country-led approach to prepare a Country-level Action Plan (CAP).</i> Introduction and Context.	
09:15	Making the case for supporting national priorities and circumstances.	<i>Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd</i>
09:25	High-level introduction to the UN-IGIF CAP and tools.	
09:35	UN-IGIF Country-level Action Plan in countries – some country-level perspectives	<i>Mr. Greg Scott</i>
09:50	Questions and exchange of views on the implementation UN-IGIF and geospatial 'use cases'	<i>Mr. Pengde Li</i>





10:15-10:45	Networking Break	
10:45-12:30	Session II-2: Introduction to the Self-Assessment tools <i>Moderator: Mr. Greg Scott, SDG Data Alliance</i>	Presenters/Discussants
	<i>This Session will introduce several tools and approaches that are useful in the context of evaluating the current status of countries and monitoring progress in enhancing their national geospatial information management arrangements.</i>	
10:45	Introduction and Context.	
11:00	Self-Assessment tools and monitoring mechanisms	<i>Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd</i>
11:30	Current achievements in addressing national development and accelerating of the SDGs in Mozambique using geospatial information management.	<i>Ms. Marlene Mendes Manave</i>
	Towards implementation: needs assessment?	<i>Mr. Cung Thang</i>
11:50	Questions and Discussion	
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-15:00	Session II-3: Developing Leadership through regional/national and multi-stakeholder Cooperation <i>Moderator: Ms. Odete Semio</i>	Presenters/Discussants
	<i>Multi-stakeholder partnerships play a crucial role in advancing global, regional, national, and even local geospatial information management. This Session will provide examples of how other organizations and ministries bring together diverse expertise and perspectives from government, the private sector, academia, and civil society, fostering collaborative approaches and integrating knowledge and capacities towards comprehensive and inclusive geospatial programmes and activities.</i>	
13:30	Universidade Eduardo Mondlane	<i>To be confirmed</i>
13:45	ESRI	<i>Mr. Charles Brigham</i>
14:00	Ministry of Natural Resources (China)	<i>Mr. Wenfeng Fan & Ms. Fanghong Ye</i>
14:15	IOM: Displacement Data & Geospatial Insights	<i>Mr. Adeola Makanjuola</i>
14:30	UNEP-WCMC	<i>Ms. Laura Nery Silva</i>
14:45	World Bank	<i>Ms. Victoria Nyawara</i>
15:00	Questions & Answers	
15:00-15:30	Networking Break	





15:30-16:30	Session II-3: Developing Leadership through regional/national and multi-stakeholder Cooperation <i>Moderator: Mr. Sergio Niquisse</i>	Presenters/Discussants
	<i>This Session will introduce other global platforms, data, tools and technologies that can complement the implementation of the UN-IGIF in providing a practical solution for data sharing and dissemination, parallel to enhancement of geospatial information management capacities and capabilities for relevant services.</i>	
15:30 15:45 16:30	Introduction and Context. High-level introduction to SDG Data Hubs: examples and use cases in Africa Satellite imagery platform, sample and usage: technical cooperation opportunities and needs Questions and Discussion	<i>Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd Mr. Greg Scott Mr. Charles Brigham Mr. Wenfeng Fan & Ms Fanghong Ye</i>
16:45-17:00	Summary and wrap up for first two days: <i>Moderator:</i>	Presenters/Discussants
	<i>The organizers will provide a summary and wrap-up for the first two days of the event and next steps.</i>	<i>Mr. Cung Thang and Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd</i>

Wednesday 26 March - Workshop: advancing geospatial capacities and capabilities	
Recap and switching gear	Where can we go from here? The organizers will recap the main outcomes and consensus during the first two days of the event and invite open discussion on 'where can we go from here?', setting the stage for the workshop that will be more interactive and participatory.
Session III-1	Identifying Country Needs Against National Priorities Understanding national priorities, which may include economic development, social well-being, healthcare, employment or environmental sustainability (including for our oceans), etc., and understanding what is needed from national geospatial information management entities. Considerations on geographical and regional context will be discussed.
Session III-2	Identifying Common National Strategic Priorities and showcasing geospatial value Engage and discuss, including through break-out work groups, common strategic priorities across countries with the aim to foster intra sub-regional cooperation through the sharing of knowledge, experience and resources.
Session III-3	Improving cross-sectoral and integrated approaches Designing collective approach and integrated geospatial information services across government, and beyond to the private sector, academia, the civil society, and international organizations.
Session III-4	Identifying common goals and objectives Engage and discuss, including through break-out work groups, on stakeholder engagement and enhancing partnerships and cross sectoral collaboration at the country-level to enhance geospatial information management arrangements, capacities and leadership according to national circumstances.





Thursday 27 March: High-level Leadership Segment – Welcoming Ceremony		
08:30-09:00	Registration of Participants	
09:00-10:15	Welcome, Introductions and Opening <i>Moderator: tbc</i>	
09:00-09:05	Welcome Statements <i>Welcome statements by host, organizers and country office.</i>	Agência Nacional de Desenvolvimento Geo-Espacial Ms. Odete Semião
09:05-09:10		UN Global Geospatial Knowledge & Innovation Centre, Statistics Division, DESA Mr. Pengde Li
09:10-09:15		United Nations Resident Coordinator for Mozambique Ms. Catherine Sozi
09:15-09:25	Welcome Remarks <i>Welcome remarks by Minister for Transport and Logistic to introduce the Prime Minister</i>	Minister for Transportation H.E. João Matlombe
09:25-09:45	Opening Remarks: Government of Mozambique <i>To be confirmed</i>	Prime Minister of Mozambique H.E. Maria Benvinda Levy
09:45-10:00	Keynote Presentation “The socio-economic benefit of integrated geospatial information for sustainable development in Africa”	SDG Data Alliance Mr. Greg Scott
10:00-10:30	Coffee-break and Group Photo	<i>Officials leave here</i>
Workshop: advancing geospatial capacities and capabilities		
Session IV-1	Strategic pathways and means of implementation Facilitated discussions towards identifying feasible approaches according to national situations to address the identified strategic pathways and priorities and for setting short-term and long-term goals, assigning responsibilities, and establishing timelines.	
Session IV-2	Improving Data Availability, Tools and Access Facilitated interaction towards improving the availability, accessibility and utilization of geospatial information, data, and other knowledge resources to inform effective policy-making.	
Session IV-3	Leveraging Technology, Innovation, and Digitalization Discuss and explore how advancements in technology, innovation, and digitalization can be harnessed to address national and regional priorities. Consider some available good practices, emerging trends, and successful case studies to understand how digital tools and innovative solutions can enhance national priority outcomes.	





Friday 28 March - Workshop: advancing geospatial capacities and capabilities	
Session V-1	<p>Country-led Approach to Implement the UN-IGIF</p> <p>Facilitated discussions, including break-out group work, to understand available resources and support to embark on the country-led approach to prepare a Country-level Action Plan (CAP) to operationalize the nine strategic pathways of the UN-IGIF according to national circumstances.</p>
Session V-2	<p>Where we are Today and Where we Need to be in the Future</p> <p>Facilitated and open discussion for participating countries to interact and better understand key gaps between where we are today and where we need to be in the future.</p>
Summary and Close	<p>Early Actions and Quick Wins, Summary and Close</p> <p>Facilitated and focused discussions to understand and appreciate feasible early actions and quick wins that can be considered, both at the country-level and regional level, including considering similarities of circumstances and geographic situations. Summary, next steps and close.</p>

