



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 Central America and neighbouring Latin American countries
‘Implementing geospatial strategies: Challenges and opportunities’

Panama City, Panama, 1 - 5 December 2025

Detailed Provisional Agenda

The provisional agenda for this event will comprise a series of interconnected segments.

Mon 1 Dec	Setting the Scene – DAY 1	
08:30-09:00	Registration of Participants	
09:00-09:30	Welcome, Introductions and Opening <i>Moderator: Mr. Ángel Dávila</i>	Presenters/Discussants
	Opening Remarks <i>Welcome remarks by the representatives, host, and authorities</i>	Ms. Ana Patricia Graca <i>UN Resident Coordinator</i> Mr. Jaime Jované, <i>Ministro de Vivienda y Ordenamiento Territorial de Panama</i> Mr. Juan Carlos Navarro, <i>Ministro de Ambiente</i> Mr. Rolando Ocampo <i>Director Statistics Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbeans</i> Ms. Sofia Nilo Crisostomo, <i>Chair UN-GGIM Americas</i> Mr. Anel Flores De La Lastra, <i>Contralor General</i> Mr. Andres Pages <i>ANATI</i>
09:30-09:40	Charting Panama’s Future: integrated geospatial information as a compass	Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd <i>UN-GGIM Secretariat</i>
09:40-09:50	Why Panama Needs a Modern Geospatial Ecosystem Now	Mr. Angel Davila <i>ANATI</i>
09:50-10:30	Opening of the workshop	Mr. Pengde Li, Head of UN-GGKIC (video message)
	Introduction and setting the scene	Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd, <i>UN-GGIM Secretariat</i>
	<i>Participants briefly introduce themselves, their expectations and anticipated outcomes before confirming the organization for the five days.</i>	Brief introductions and expectations-setting around the room
10:30-11:00	Group photo and Networking Break	



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11:00-13:00	Session I-1: Setting the Scene: Countries (Moderator: Mr. Rolando Ocampo) <i>Countries will provide a brief high-level 'status report' and situational analysis to aid all participants' understanding of the current challenges, opportunities and needs for enhancing the management and use of geospatial information towards a resilient and sustainable future</i>	
	Argentina Belize Chile Colombia Costa Rica Cuba	Mr. Marcelo Emery Mr. Alfreed Cal Ms. Sofía Nilo Crisóstomo Ms. Sandra Yaneth Rodríguez Figueroa Mr. Alexander Campos Ms. Rebeca Parada Benavente
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-15:30	Session I-2: Setting the Scene: Countries	
	Dominican Republic Ecuador Guatemala Honduras Nicaragua Panama	Ms. Cenía Correa Mr. Hugo Fernando Avilés León Mr. David Gómez Gómez Ms. Leidy Yolany Ulloa Colindres Mr. Luis M. Herrera Ordóñez Mr. Ángel Dávila
15:30-16:00	Networking Break	
16:00-17:00	Session I-3: Setting the Scene: Countries – moderated discussion (Moderator: Mr. Greg Scott) <i>Moderated discussion: Using the UN-IGIF Goals as a basis for discussion, draw out some of the common challenges inherent across participant nations. This helps inform discussion during the week. The sessions will include breakout sessions and group work with participants divided into teams, each with 4 objectives.</i>	
17:00-17:30	Summary and wrap up for first day, agenda for Day 2	
17:00-17:30	Wrap-up, summary of day 1 and agenda of day 2	Ms. Aigerim Mussayeva
Tue 2 Dec	Regional perspectives and Understanding the UN-IGIF – DAY 2	
9:00-10:00	Session II-1: Setting the Scene: Global to regional (Moderator: Ms. Pamela Castillo) <i>Partners: Noting the broad representation from countries and stakeholders, this session will introduce the current global and regional context and ongoing efforts to support countries with the strengthening and enhancing of their national geospatial information management arrangements and accelerating the implementation of the SDGs:</i>	
09:00	UN-GGIM: Mandates and priorities of the Committee	Ms. Aigerim Mussayeva
09:15	UN-GGKIC: Current priorities and objectives of the Centre in supporting countries	Mr. Cung Thang
09:30	UN-GGIM Americas: Current priorities, resolutions of the 12th session, objectives, and working groups set up	Ms. Sofía Nilo Crisóstomo
09:45	UN-ECLAC: Mandates and current organization of the programme of work	Mr. Álvaro Monett

10:00-10:30	Networking Break	
10:30-12:30	Session II-2: Setting the Scene: Regional to national (Moderator: Ms. Sofía Nilo Crisóstomo) <i>Noting the broad representation from stakeholders, this session will introduce the current regional and potential national partners to support countries with the strengthening and enhancing of their national geospatial information management arrangements and accelerating the implementation of the SDGs:</i>	
	Through the decision-makers and political lens	Mr. Sergio Fernandez de Cordova
	Opportunities for use case of Earth observation	Ms. Claudia Herrera Melgar, Copernicus
	Land administration in Central America and the Comité Permanente sobre el Catastro en Iberoamérica (CPCI)	Mr. Ricardo López Rivera, CPCI
	Disaster Risk Reduction analysis	Ms. Saskia Carusi, UNDRR
	Sustainable development	UNDP Accelerator Lab
	Climate change and the Environment	Mr. Javier Neme, UNEP
	Making the case for supporting national priorities	Mr. Stephen Keppel, PVBLC
	SDG Data hubs for national priorities	Mr. Rocío Vega, Esri Panama
	Questions and discussion	
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-15:00	Session II-3: Introduction to the UN-IGIF and CAP Process (Moderator: Mr. Greg Scott) <i>This Session will introduce and detail the UN-IGIF and the country-led approach to prepare a Country-level Action Plan (CAP)</i>	
13:30	UN approach for a country-led, country-delivered, UN-IGIF and the CAP and the resources available	Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd
14:00	High-level introduction to Country-level Action Plans and country examples	Mr. John Kedar
14:45	Perspectives on the UN approach to the UN-IGIF & CAP Chile Panama Honduras	Ms. Sofía Nilo Crisóstomo Mr. Angel Dávila Ms. Leidy Yolany Ulloa Colindres
15:00	Moderated discussion on challenges and opportunities to develop a Country-level Action Plan	
15:30-16:00	Networking Break	
16:00-17:00	Session II-4: Introduction to the UN-IGIF and CAP Process (Moderator: Mr. John Kedar)	
16:00-16:30	Moderated discussion: <i>Gaining support to initiate a CAP, maintaining importance during periods of government change and consideration of stakeholders</i>	
16:30-17:00	Moderated discussion: <i>Looking ahead to implementation: issues to consider whilst writing the country-level action plan. Discussion will consider steps to smooth transition into implementation including aspects of communication and engagement, endorsement, mobilising resources, implementation planning, national governance and early deliverables.</i>	
17:00-17:30	Summary and wrap up for the second day, agenda for Day 3	
17:00-17:30	Wrap-up, summary of day 2 and agenda of day 3	Mr. Cung Thang

Wed 3 Dec	Advancing Geospatial Capacities and Capabilities – Day 3	
09:00-10:30	Session III-1: National Priorities (<i>Moderator: Mr. Greg Scott</i>) <i>Understanding (1) National priorities, which may include economic development, social well-being, healthcare, employment or environmental sustainability, etc., and their connection with the SDGs, and (2) What is needed in terms of geospatial information and which entities are curating this information to address national priorities. Considerations on geographical and regional context will be discussed</i>	
09:00	Geospatial benefits: the value proposition of geospatial information and national priorities	Mr. Greg Scott, <i>SDG Data Alliance</i>
09:15	Breakout sessions: National representatives will discuss national development priorities and the needs of geospatial information to support these priorities. Participants will be organized in break out groups to discuss current national and regional priorities	
10:30-11:00	Networking Break	
11:00-12:30	Session III-2: National Priorities – Continued (<i>Moderator: Mr. John Kedar</i>) <i>Considering ‘the future state’ using the UN-IGIF as a tool - developing the national integrated geospatial information management vision and objectives</i>	
11:00-11:10		
11:10-11:20	Proposed vision, mission and objectives for the National Action Plan of Panama	Mr. Carlos Contreras, ACP
11:20-11:30	Strategic alignment	Mr. Francisco Garcia, SENACYT
11:40-11:50	Current State of Geospatial Information Management in Panama: National Priorities	Mr. Jovel Núñez, MIAMBIENTE
11:50-12:00	Role of Stakeholders in Geospatial Information	Ms. Yeniffer Cedeño, MIVIOT
12:00-12:10	Current Status of the UN-IGIF in Panama	Ms. Isis Tejada, ANATI
12:10-12:30	Open discussions	
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-15:00	Session III-3: Governance, leadership & partnerships (<i>Moderator: Ms. Sofía Nilo Crisóstomo</i>) <i>Towards a Leadership programme</i>	
13:30-13:40	Towards a Leadership programme	Mr. Cung Thang
13:40-15:00	<i>Open discussion on strengthening national geospatial governance and leadership through effective institutional arrangements, clear legal and regulatory frameworks, and enhanced partnerships and stakeholder engagement to support whole-of-government coordination (Moderator will prepare triggering questions to be distributed beforehand to participants)</i>	
15:00-15:30	Networking Break	
15:30-17:00	Session III-4: Data, standards and innovation (<i>Moderator: Mr. Jovel Núñez</i>) <i>Open discussion on improving data availability, quality, interoperability and standards, while advancing digital innovation and emerging technologies to modernize national geospatial ecosystems</i>	
17:00-17:30	Summary and wrap up for the third day – Agenda for Day 4	
17:00-17:30	Wrap-up, summary of day 3, agenda for day 4	Mr. Cung Thang



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Thu 4 Dec	National Dialogue and Partnerships – Day 4	
15:30-17:00	Session IV-1: Institutional capacity and communication (Moderator: Mr. Marcelo Emery)	
09:00-10:30	Open discussion on building sustainable institutional and human capacity, strengthening skills and professional networks, and improving communication and awareness to promote geospatial value across society (Moderator will prepare questions to be distributed beforehand to participants)	
10:30-11:00	Networking Break	
11:00-12:30	Session IV-2: Financial resources and IGIF implementation (Moderator: Mr. John Kedar)	
11:00-11:10	Key elements of the Funding Guide	Mr. John Kedar
11:00-12:30	Open discussion on mobilizing and sustaining financial resources, fostering strategic investment, and advancing national IGIF implementation through prioritized actions and long-term financing approaches (Moderator will prepare questions to be distributed beforehand to participants)	
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-15:00	Session IV-3: Addressing major challenges and opportunities in enhancing geospatial information at the sub-/regional level (Moderator: Mr. Ricardo López Rivera) <i>Identify how challenges and barriers common across countries could be addressed through regional cooperation and/or coordination</i>	
	Dominican Republic	Mr. Gerkely Soto
	Colombia	Ms. Sandra Yaneth Rodriguez
	Panamá	Mr. Alberto Cumbrera
15:00-15:30	Networking Break	
15:30-17:00	Session IV-4: Understanding the implementation of the UN-IGIF: Global and Regional survey (Moderator: Marcelo Emery)	
	Understanding the implementation of the UN-IGIF leveraging Global and Regional surveys	Mr. Cung Thang Ms. Isis Tejada
16:00-17:00	Open discussion to identify how regional priorities and resources could be leveraged or expanded to address countries' common challenges	
17:00-17:15	Summary and wrap up for the fourth day – Agenda for Day 5	
17:00-17:15	Wrap-up, summary of day 4, agenda for Day 5	

Fri 5 Dec	Take aways and Way forward – DAY 5	
09:00-10:30	Session V-1: UN-IGIF and CAP open discussion (Moderator: Mr. Angel Davila /Mr. John Kedar)	
	Open discussion among participants to clarify any remaining points related to the UN-IGIF and/or Country-level Action Plan (CAP)	
10:30-11:00	Networking Break	
11:00-11:45	Session V-2: Major take-aways and next step (Moderator: Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd)	
11:00-11:45	Countries will provide a summary of their major takeaways from the workshop, their anticipated next steps and a revised description of the support they would need to move forward	
11:45-12:30	Closing remarks	
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