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Third expert meeting of the working group on policy and legal frameworks of geospatial information management including addressing issues related to authoritative and reliable geospatial data and emergent technologies

General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GEOSA) Main Meeting Room
No. 64, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12213, Saudi Arabia
7 – 9 October 2025

Draft Provisional annotated agenda

Third expert meeting

In accordance to its [decision 14/112](#), the Committee welcomed the convening of the third in-person meeting of the working group, to be hosted by Saudi Arabia in Riyadh in October 2025. The Third expert meeting of the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks on Geospatial Information Management is hosted by the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GEOSA) of Saudi Arabia. The third expert meeting will maximize the participation of and input from Member States, relevant stakeholders, and policymakers.

Objectives of the Meetings

This in-person expert meeting provides a forum for members of the Working Group together with invited participants to explore policy and legal issues for geospatial information management related to the current focus of the [Workplan Policy and Legal 2025-2027](#) including:

- Addressing policy and legal considerations for global geospatial information management that respond to evolving needs, societal progress and technological developments; notably, highlighting key policy and legal considerations related to AI and geospatial information.
- Continue to provide relevant expertise and support to the Committee of Experts in the development of norms, principles and guidelines, sustaining and building legal-policy capacity to respond to the needs of Member States and UN-GGIM functional groups.
- Continue to engage and communicate the value of sound, robust policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management, among and with relevant stakeholders and partners.

Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda for the second expert meeting of the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management –

- 1) Opening of the third expert meeting, welcome and introductions
- 2) Agenda, organization of the meeting and setting the scene
- 3) Policy and legal developments – national and regional
- 4) Workplan and deliverables for 2025 – 2027
- 5) Awareness, communication, engagement, and developing and sustaining legal-policy capacity
- 6) Evolving geospatial and technological landscape, artificial intelligence, and its regulation
- 7) UN-IGIF strategic pathway on Policy and Legal frameworks
- 8) Collaboration with partnering international organizations and other functional groups
- 9) Sixteenth session of the Committee of Experts
- 10) World Geospatial Information Congress 2026
- 11) Summary, next meeting and close

Provisional annotated agenda and organization of the meeting

The outline programme is as follows:

DAY 1 (7 October 2025) - Third Expert Meeting of the Working Group		
07:30 –08:00	Arrival of participants and registration	Host
08:00 – 11:00	Agenda #1 Opening of the meeting, welcome and introductions <i>Brief welcome remarks by the Host, the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information, and the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management.</i> <i>Announcements on meeting logistics, and brief introduction by participants</i>	Mohammed AlSayel <i>President of GEOSA</i> Asim AlGhamdi <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i> Kristine Hirschhorn <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i>
	Agenda #2 Agenda, organization of the meeting and setting the scene (a) Agenda and organization of the meeting <i>The Chair will preside over the presentation of the provisional agenda and its adoption. The organization of the meeting will be confirmed in this segment.</i> (b) Setting the scene and expectations <i>The Chair will provide an overview and summarize previous work, outline expectations, desired outcomes for the meeting and next steps.</i>	Asim AlGhamdi <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i> Ali AlAwaji <i>GEOSA</i>
	Agenda #3 Policy and legal developments – national and regional <i>The Chair will preside over the session and there will be opportunities to hear about various national and regional experiences around the development of policy and legal frameworks for integrated geospatial information management from participants.</i>	Roundtable and contributions from participants (3 – 5 min, please contact Secretariat)
	Agenda #4 Workplan and deliverables for 2025 – 2027 <i>The Chair will preside over the session and provide an overview of the ongoing workplan priorities and activities related to decision 15/112, and will provide opportunities to hear about various perspectives on relevant trends and requirements around the development of policy and legal frameworks.</i>	Kristine Hirschhorn <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i> Ignace Kabayiza, <i>Member, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i>
	Facilitated interactions and discussions	All participants moderated
Break & Group photo		

12:00–15:00	Visit of the GeoHub, GEOSA Main Building <i>The Host will provide an overview of the current progress and development of geospatial information management and technologies capabilities of the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GEOSA), and offer a tour of the facilities and GeoHub of the GEOSA</i>	Asim AlGhamdi <i>Assistant President of the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GEOSA)</i>
	Agenda #5 Awareness, communication, and engagement, and developing legal-policy capacity <i>The Chair will provide an overview of progress, moderate the discussion, and allow further consideration for the effective communication and engagement with relevant stakeholders and partners to advocate for value of sound, robust policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management</i>	Kristine Hirschhorn <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i>
	Facilitated interactions and discussions	All participants <i>moderated</i>
DAY 2 (8 October 2025) - Third Expert Meeting of the Working Group		
08:00–11:00	Agenda #6 Evolving geospatial and technological landscape, artificial intelligence, and its regulation <i>The Chair will provide an overview of progress on the activities and background documents prepared by the working group on policy and legal and latest decisions from the Committee of Experts including on the updated paper “Data for Public Good in the Digital World”, the “Rallying Statement to the Geospatial Sector on the Development of a Legal and Regulatory Framework for AI,” the “International Regulations on AI in Geospatial Applications”; and the concept paper “Addressing the Implications of the Developing Legal and Regulatory Framework on AI for the Geospatial Sector.” The Chair will provide an opportunity to present latest trends and development in AI related to geospatial information and to discuss the engagement with regulators and stakeholders to ensure policies are targeted, effective, and proportionate for AI governance for the geospatial domain</i>	Asim AlGhamdi <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i> Ignace Kabayiza <i>Member, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i> Clinton Heimann <i>Co-Convenor, Writing Team on the Future Geospatial Information Ecosystem</i> Kevin Pomfret <i>Consultant</i>
	Stakeholder engagement and state of play	Roundtable and contributions from participants (3 – 5 min, please contact Secretariat)
	Facilitated interactions and discussions	All participants <i>moderated</i>
Break		

12:00–15:00	Agenda #7 UN-IGIF strategic pathway on Policy and Legal frameworks <i>The Chair will provide an initial consideration of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework related to the proposed priority activity to update and strategically enhance UN-IGIF suite of documents, particularly strategic pathway 2 on Legal and Policy, to support ongoing implementation and adaptation and ensure it remains current in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.</i>	Kristine Hirschhorn <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i> Tim Trainor <i>Consultant</i> Kevin Pomfret <i>Consultant</i>
	Facilitated interactions and discussion	All participants <i>moderated</i>
	National Geospatial Governance, Policies and Standards for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Ali AlAwaji <i>GEOSA</i>
19:00–21:00	Official dinner	
DAY 3 (9 October 2025) - Third Expert Meeting of the Working Group		
08:00–11:00	Agenda #8 Collaboration with other functional groups and partnering international organizations current developments and status <i>The Chair will provide an overview of activities of other linkages and collaboration including related to: Decision 15/104 in which the Committee “considered that the next steps outlined in the paper Positioning future geospatial information ecosystem should guide the development of coordinated periodic series of foresight, policy and research documents that can serve as a comprehensive knowledge resource on future trends and in enable Member States identify emerging opportunities and challenges impacting the digital ecosystem; and in this context requested for regional committees, functional groups, thematic networks and the United Nations global geospatial centres to advance these next steps and the proposed periodic series documents.”</i>	Kristine Hirschhorn <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i>
	Facilitated interactions and discussion	All participants <i>moderated</i>
Lunch break		
13:30–15:00	Agenda #9 Sixteenth session of the Committee of Experts <i>The Secretariat will inform participants of the latest updates regarding the upcoming sixteenth session of the Committee of Experts to be held in UN Headquarters from 3-7 August 2026.</i>	Guillaume Le Sourd <i>UN-GGIM Secretariat</i>

	Agenda#10 Third World Geospatial Information Congress (2026) <i>The Host will inform participants of the latest updates regarding the Third World Geospatial Information Congress to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 16-19 November 2026 and the Working Group will consider potential contribution by the Working Group to the forum.</i>	Asim AlGhamdi <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i> Mohammed AlMabrook GEOSA
	Agenda #11 Summary, next meeting and close. <i>The Co-Chairs will provide a summary of key outcomes, agreed action items and future direction and make brief closing remarks.</i>	Kristine Hirschhorn <i>Co-Chair, WG on Policy and Legal Frameworks</i>

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