

# High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

Seventh Plenary Meeting of the HLG-IGIF



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# 1. Introduction, welcome and opening addresses

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# 1. Introduction

High-level Group Representation			
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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Mr. Mohammed Alsayel	Kingdom of Bahrain	<i>Ms. Shaikha May Al Khalifa</i>
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Cameroon	Mr. Fernand Isseri	Malaysia	<i>Mr. Hazri Bin Hassan</i>
Mozambique	Ms. Odete Semiao		
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<b>UN-GGIM: Americas</b>	Ms. Pamela Retamales	<b>UN-GGIM: Europe</b>	Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe
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Colombia	Mr. Elkin Ernesto Ramírez Niño	Netherlands	Ms. Paula Dijkstra
Jamaica	Ms. Alicia Edwards	Sweden	Mr. Mikael Lilje
Panama	<i>Mr. Ángel Dávila</i>	United Kingdom	Mr. Jamie Clark



# 2. Agenda, Organization of Work and TORs

Tuesday 10 February 2026	
13:30	1. Introduction, welcome and opening addresses
13:50	2. Agenda, organization of the meeting and Terms of References
14:10	3. Summary of outcomes and actions from fifth and sixth plenary meeting
14:30	4. Achievements and closing of Work Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Communications Work Group</li><li>b. Capacity Development Work Group</li><li>c. Sustainable Funding Work Group</li></ul>
15:00	Coffee Break
15:30	5. Progress and challenges on the implementation of UN-IGIF <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. UN-GGIM: Africa</li><li>b. UN-GGIM: Americas</li><li>c. UN-GGIM: Arab States</li><li>d. UN-GGIM: Asia and the Pacific</li><li>e. UN-GGIM: Europe</li></ul>
17:00	Summary of discussions and overview of Day 2



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Wednesday 11 February 2026	
09:00	Summary of day 1 discussions and overview of day 2
09:10	6. Updates on progress of activities during the intersession <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Updates from the Secretariat</li><li>b. Updates from the UN-GGKIC</li></ul>
09:50	Presentation by the Office of Outer Space Affairs
10:00	Coffee Break
10:30	7. Updates on the Strategic Plan of the HLG-IGIF and break out session on activities for respective strategic teams
12:30	Lunch break
13:30	8. Country experiences in the use and implementation of the UN-IGIF <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Mozambique</li><li>b. Panama</li><li>c. India</li><li>d. Serbia</li><li>e. Chile</li><li>f. Türkiye</li></ul>
15:30	Coffee break
16:00	<i>Moderated discussions</i>
	9. Summary, next steps and closing



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## Key functions from the TORs

1. Communicate, promote and grow the importance and relevance of the IGIF and other relevant UN-GGIM frameworks to policy and decision-makers within and outside the global geospatial information community;
2. Engage with and provide guidance on how geospatial information can be communicated and managed at the executive leadership level, and can be elevated in decision-making roles within and across government to support global to national development agendas and priorities.
3. Provide an enabling environment to discuss strategies and activities for strengthening national capacities to effectively manage geospatial resources in order to modernize national integrated geospatial information arrangements within and across countries and regions;
4. Identify opportunities, including twinning arrangements, to develop reference resources and training materials on the implementation of the IGIF, in order to provide the best possible support for countries, in particular, countries in special situations;



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## Key functions from the TORs

5. Address and advocate for resource mobilization, including in the context of funding entities, to sustain and maintain the momentum and refinement of the IGIF as a continual evolving process; for strengthening capacities to design, develop and implement the IGIF at the country-level; as well as identifying ways to leverage the resources and creativity of academia, international geospatial societies, and the private sector, etc.;
6. Mobilize resources and institutions inside and outside the geospatial information community, understand their needs, and if required, coordinate their actions to serve sustainable development as deemed appropriate, thereby further extending partnerships (i.e. foundations and development organizations); and
7. Review and make recommendations on the IGIF, including revisions and future trends, to UN-GGIM, as appropriate.



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## V. Governance

The HLG-IGIF shall work under the auspices of UN-GGIM and report directly to the Committee on at least an annual basis. UN-GGIM shall review the work of the HLG-IGIF and may revise these Terms of Reference based on the work the Group has completed and any new items that the Committee would like the Group to consider.



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Noting from **Report of 2023** [E/C.20/2023/9/Add.1](#) that:

“At the beginning of 2023, the Group conducted an exercise to refresh its membership in accordance with its terms of reference and invited United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees to review and consider their contribution, participation and representation.”

Noting from **Terms of Reference** of the HLG-IGIF that:

“Membership is to be reviewed every two years. The review shall be based on actual participation and contribution from the members as demonstrated through interactions with, and activity reports to, UN-GGIM Regional Committee meetings and associated fora.”

The current membership is due for ‘refresh’



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In accordance to the **Terms of Reference** of the HLG-IGIF, the Secretariat will proceed to:

- **February 2026:**  
Act upon any decision to revise the TORs (based on discussion, *if any*)
- **February-March 2026:**  
Invite the “United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management **regional committees to review and consider their contribution, participation and representation**” (TORs, VI.)
- **Mid-March 2026:**  
Receive membership from “representatives of Member States, at the **highest executive leadership level**, from national geospatial information (or related) agencies as nominated by the Bureaux of each of the five Regional Committees of UN-GGIM” (TORs, VI.)
- **April & June 2026:**  
Note the **new membership in the upcoming report of the High-level Group** in the report related to the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework



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Following the membership, the current and new membership of the HLG-IGIF could be invited to the upcoming **Eighth Plenary meeting of the HLG-IGIF** on the margins of the Sixteenth session (5-7 August 2026) to:

- **Elect its leadership based on new Membership:**  
Consider interested Co-Chairs and review the participation and demonstrated contribution from members. Noting further that:  
“The HLG-IGIF shall **elect two (2) co-Chairs** to serve for 4-year periods, with co-Chair elections occurring biennially, such that one new co-Chair is elected every two years **in order to ensure continuity**. The co-Chairs shall be selected from the members, other than the UN-GGIM Bureau and Chairs of the Regional Committees of UN-GGIM, as defined in Section VI”
- **Finalize/endorse the activities as set out in the Strategic plan**  
Finalize the Strategic plan and related actions/activities of the HLG-IGIF for the upcoming period of 2026-2028, in alignment with Strategic plan



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

المملكة العربية السعودية، جدة، Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi  
February 2-3 2025 فبراير 2-3



# HLG-IGIF Fifth Plenary Meeting



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*Enabling a better future with location data*

# 3. Summary from Fifth and Sixth Plenary Meeting

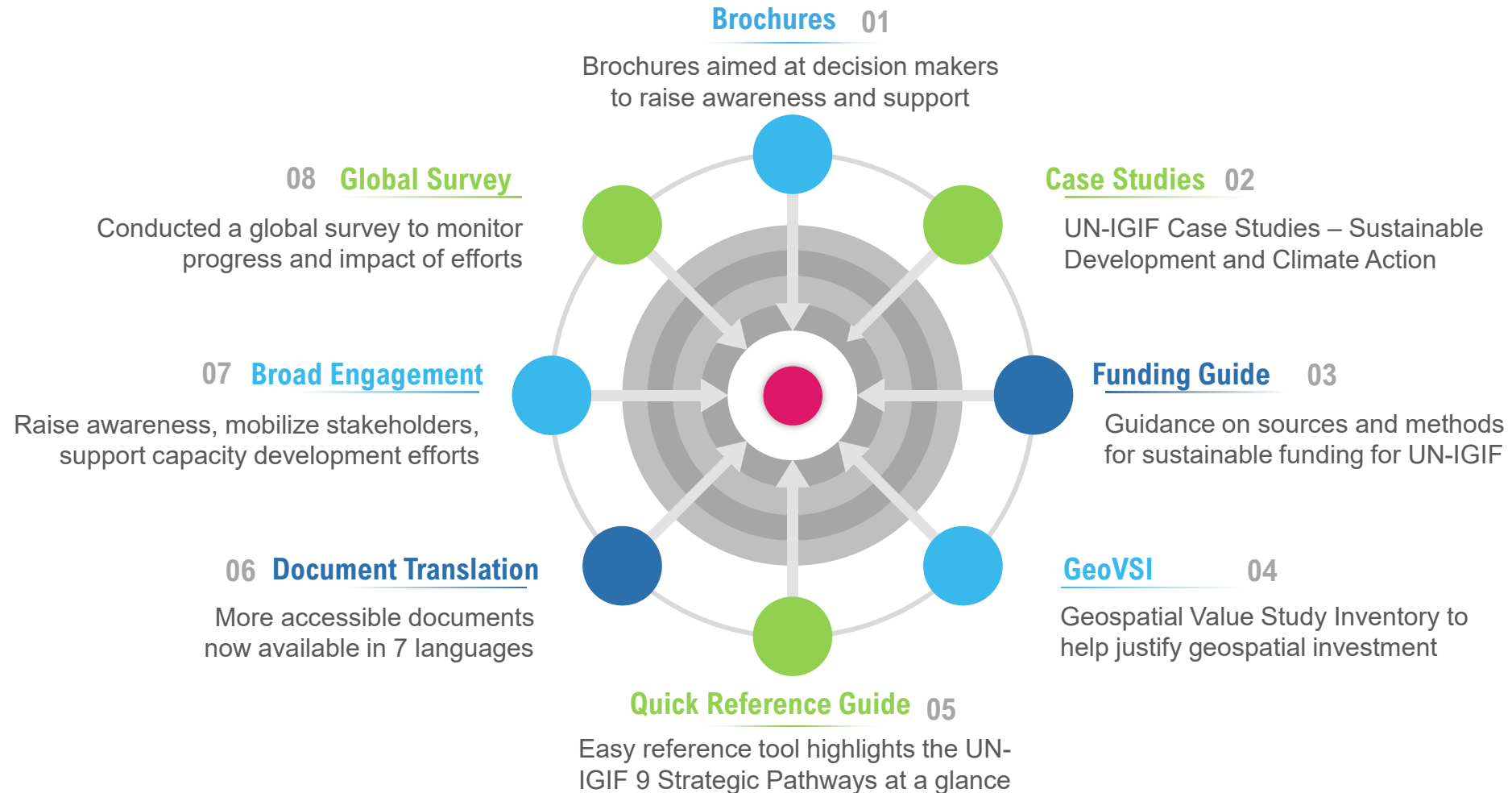
- The HLG-IGIF 6<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting took place August 4-5, 2025, in New York, alongside the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of UN-GGIM.
- The HLG-IGIF shared significant accomplishments and deliverables.
- Consolidated the 26 priority activities from the 5<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting down to eight.
- Aligned the HLG-IGIF Priority Activities with the UN-GGKIC Work Plan.



# Engaging our Stakeholders



# HLG-IGIF Accomplishments



# Showcasing Deliverables



DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE		E	ST
1 Governance and Institutions	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Establishes the leadership, governance model, institutional arrangements and a clear value proposition to strengthen multi-disciplinary and multisectoral participation in, and a commitment to, achieving the UN-IGIF.</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Attain political endorsement, strengthen institutional mandates and build a cooperative data sharing environment through a shared vision and understanding of the value of the UN-IGIF, and the roles and responsibilities to achieve the vision.</p>	• C	• U
2 Policy and Legal	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Establishes a robust policy and legal framework that is essential for instituting effective, efficient and secure management and exchange of geospatial information-nationally and sub-nationally.</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Address current policy and legal issues by improving the policies and laws associated with, and having an impact on, geospatial information management. This is achieved by proactively monitoring the policy and legal environment, including mandating responsibility for the production of data, and keeping abreast of issues and challenges arising from the evolving, innovative and creative use of geospatial information and emerging technologies.</p>	• L	• P
3 Financial	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Establishes the business model, develops financial partnerships, and identifies the investment needs and means of financing for delivering integrated geospatial information management, as well as recognizing the milestones that will achieve and maintain momentum, and realize benefits.</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Achieve an understanding of the financial plans required to establish and maintain integrated geospatial information management, as well as the longer-term investment program that enables government to respond to evolving societal, environmental and economic demands for geospatial data.</p>	• E	• C
4 Data	<p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Establishes a geospatial data framework and custodianship guidelines for best practice collection and management of integrated geospatial information that is appropriate to ensure cross sector and multidisciplinary collaboration.</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Enable data custodians to meet their data management, sharing and reuse obligations to government and the user community through the execution of well-defined data supply chains for organizing, planning, acquiring, aggregating, integrating, curating, analyzing, publishing and archiving geospatial information.</p>	• C	• U

The Quick Reference Guide pro

## 2022 versions

- ▶ Solving the Puzzle - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [German](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 1: Governance and Institutions - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [German](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 2: Policy and Legal - [English](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 3: Financial - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 4: Data - [English](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 5: Innovation [English](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 6: Standards - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 7: Partnerships - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 8: Capacity and Education - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 9: Communication and Engagement - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)

## Consultation drafts (March - July 2020)

- ▶ Solving the Puzzle - [English](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 1: Governance and Institutions - [English](#) | [Appendices](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 2: Policy and Legal - [English](#) | [Appendices](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 3: Financial - [English](#) | [Appendices](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 4: Data - [English](#) | [Appendices](#)
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# Driving Global Impact

Your efforts helped  
to achieve  
unprecedented  
awareness

**98%**  
Awareness of  
UN-IGIF

Your work  
accomplishments  
are driving strong  
global adoption

**93+**  
Member  
States using or  
implementing  
UN-IGIF



# Eight Priority Activities

1. UN-IGIF  
Communications  
and Awareness  
Program

2. Comprehensive  
Geospatial  
Capacity  
Development  
Program

3. Country-level  
Action Plan  
Process  
Development

4. Strategically  
Enhance UN-IGIF  
Documents

5. Knowledge  
Hub

6. Governance  
and Legal  
Framework

7. Sustainable  
Funding

8. UN-IGIF  
Integrated  
Framework for  
Assessment and  
Progress  
Monitoring



# Actions from the 6<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting

## 1 Link Priority Activities to Strategic Teams



Priority activities are logically grouped into Strategic Teams in the updated Strategic Plan.

## 2 Define Roles and Responsibilities



Clarified roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders involved in advancing the UN-IGIF.



# Next Steps

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- ✓ Review Terms of Reference for potential updates
- ✓ Approve Strategic Plan
- ✓ Formulate Strategic Teams objectives
- ✓ Identify new Co-Leads
- ✓ Consider the sustainability of leadership for the HLG



# 4. Achievements and closing of Work Groups

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- a. Communications Work Group
- b. Capacity Development Work Group
- c. Sustainable Funding Work Group



# Thank You!

