



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

United Nations Office in Vienna, Austria

10-11 February 2026

Detailed Provisional agenda

Objectives

The [2030 Agenda for sustainable development](#), the [Pact of the Future](#), and the [Sevilla Commitment](#) - all recognized and encouraged the role and use of geospatial information, Earth observation, and remote sensing, as well as a wide range of data to address national priorities and measure progress on sustainable development. In today's data-centric world, data is the fuel of our society, and geospatial information is a critical element of a modern, digital, and data-driven society. Indeed, digital public infrastructure and knowledge rely on geospatial information as a key enabler to realize an integrated whole-of-government services approach that contributes to economic growth, national security, inclusive social development, environmental sustainability, and prosperity.

Government investments are critical to develop, integrate, and strengthen geospatial information management for better decision-making, increased investment efficiencies, and foster government action. The Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management focuses on the development of effective strategies on how to build and strengthen national capacity concerning geospatial information, especially in developing countries, to address national priorities and global agendas¹.

The United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) is the overarching framework for developing geospatial capacities and capabilities of countries, and there is now momentum on its implementation through the development of integrated Country-level Action Plans for geospatial solutions.

The meeting of the high-level Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework will primarily address strategic issues, with the following objectives:

- a) To review the work achieved by the Working Groups in advancing communication, sustainable funding and capacity development;
- b) To take stock of the current progress and priorities on the implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in the regions;
- c) To inform on the advancements and activities conducted by the United Nations in advancing the implementation of the UN-IGIF; and
- d) To discuss and advance the Strategic plan and related objectives of the HLG-IGIF.

¹ ECOSOC, 2022. *Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements*, "reiterated the importance of strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness of the Committee of Experts, particularly for the achievement of its operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF), to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States."



Agenda at glance

1. Introduction, welcome and opening addresses
2. Agenda, organization of the meeting and Terms of References
3. Outcomes and Actions from the Fifth and Sixth Plenary Meeting
4. Achievements and closing of Work Groups
 - a. Communications Work Group
 - b. Capacity Development Work Group
 - c. Sustainable Funding Work Group
5. Progress on the implementation of UN-IGIF and feedback on opportunities and requirements
 - a. UN-GGIM: Africa
 - b. UN-GGIM: Americas
 - c. UN-GGIM: Arab States
 - d. UN-GGIM: Asia and the Pacific
 - e. UN-GGIM: Europe
6. Updates on progress of activities
 - a. Secretariat
 - b. UN-GGKIC
7. Updated Strategic Plan and defining further strategic objectives and related actions
8. Member States Experiences on the use and implementation of the UN-IGIF
9. Summary, Next Steps, Closing

Provisional annotated agenda and organization of the meeting

Tuesday 10 February 2026

Seventh plenary meeting of the High-level Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF)		
13:30	<p>1. Introduction, welcome and opening addresses</p> <p>The session will be opened by welcome remarks and addresses by the Secretariat and the Co-Chairs of the High-level Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF). Ms. Francesca Grum, Assistant Director, UN Statistics Division Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Associate Director for Economic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau, USA Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Assistant Director, National Mapping Institute, Cameroon</p>	
13:50	<p>2. Agenda, organization of the meeting and Terms of References</p> <p>The provisional agenda will be adopted, and the organization of the meeting will be confirmed in this segment. The Co-Chairs will be setting the expectations and anticipated outcomes for the plenary meeting. The participants will be provided an opportunity to review and discuss the Terms of References, key functions, and consider the sustainability of the leadership and membership of the HLG-IGIF.</p>	<p>Presiding Co-Chair Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, (Cameroon)</p>
14:10	<p>3. Summary of outcomes and actions from fifth and sixth plenary meeting</p> <p>The Co-Chair of the HLG-IGIF will provide an overview and summary of the agreed eighth priorities agreed and the considerations to address the priorities into specific target strategic objectives.</p>	<p>Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF</p>



14:30	<p>4. Achievements and closing of Work Groups</p> <p>In this segment, the respective Co-Leads of the Working Groups will be providing an overview of the work achieved since their inception and perspectives on specific outputs and deliverables that support the sustained adoption and implementation of the UN-IGIF. The Working Group will consider the completed work and any new items to be considered, aligned with upcoming strategic objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Communications Work Group b. Capacity Development Work Group c. Sustainable Funding Work Group 	<p>Mr. Jamie Clark, <i>Deputy Director, Geospatial Government Digital Service Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Mr. Marcelo Emery, <i>Coordinator IDERA, Instituto Geográfico Nacional, Argentina</i></p> <p>Mr. Mohammad AlMabrook, <i>Office of the President, General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information, Saudi Arabia</i></p>
15:00	Coffee Break	
15:30	<p>5. Progress and challenges on the implementation of UN-IGIF</p> <p>This session will be an opportunity to hear from the Chairs of the regional committees on the current advancements and progress on the implementation of the UN-IGIF in the regions and provide an overview of current leading Member States championing the implementation of the UN-IGIF and development of Country-level Action Plans. The Chairs will also provide an overview of current regional challenges and opportunities in their respective regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. UN-GGIM: Africa b. UN-GGIM: Americas c. UN-GGIM: Arab States d. UN-GGIM: Asia and the Pacific e. UN-GGIM: Europe <p>The presentations will be followed by moderated discussions by the Co-Chairs on current progress and lessons learned from the regional committees on the implementation of the UN-IGIF.</p>	<p>Mr. Kamal Outghouliast <i>Head of Section, Agence Nationale de la Conservation Foncière du Cadastre et de la Cartographie, Morocco</i></p> <p>Ms. Pamela Retamales <i>International Coordinator Spatial Data Infrastructure, Chile</i></p> <p>Mr. Mohammed Alsayel <i>President, General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information, Saudi Arabia</i></p> <p>Mr. Hitesh Makwanaa <i>Surveyor General, India</i></p> <p>Mr. Woosug Cho <i>Director General, National Geographic Information Institute, Rep. of Korea</i></p> <p>Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe <i>Administrator General, National Geographic Institute, Belgium</i></p>
17:00	Summary of discussions and overview of Day 2	



Wednesday 11 February 2026

Seventh plenary meeting of the High-level Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF)		
09:00	The Co-Chair will be providing a short summary of day 1 discussions and will be setting the expectations and anticipated outcomes for day 2 and reiterating expectations for the plenary meeting.	Presiding Co-Chair Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop (USA)
09:10	<p>6. Updates on progress of activities during the intersession</p> <p>This session will be an opportunity to hear from the Secretariat and the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre on the current advancements and progress of their activities related to the priorities of the High-level Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF) including on the UN-IGIF suite of document, knowledge management and support to Member States on the implementation of the UN-IGIF</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Updates from the Secretariat</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Updates from the UN-GGKIC</p> <p>The presentations will be followed by moderated discussions by the Co-Chairs on exchange of ideas and perspectives on current progress and activities conducted by the Secretariat and the Centre</p>	Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd <i>GGIM, UN Statistics Division</i> Mr. Pengde Li <i>Head of Centre, UN-GGKIC</i>
09:50	Presentation by the Office of Outer Space Affairs	Mr. Driss El Hadani <i>Deputy Director, OOSA</i>
10:00	Coffee Break	
10:30	<p>7. Updates on the Strategic Plan of the HLG-IGIF</p> <p>The Co-Chair of the HLG-IGIF will be presenting the Strategic Plan for approval. The plan has been developed through an iterative refinement process and incorporates feedback received from members. Substantive comments have been addressed, and the discussion is intended to confirm strategic alignment and seek endorsement of the plan.</p> <p>This presentation will be followed by a breakout session designed to initiate a shared, strategic-level conversation on how the HLG-IGIF Strategic Plan is interpreted by the Strategic Teams, and what early strategic objectives and outcomes would indicate progress.</p> <p>The members of the HLG-IGIF will reconvene in plenary to share perspectives from the breakout and consolidate their views on advancing the strategic objectives.</p>	Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop Co-Chair, HLG-IGIF
12:30	Lunch break	



Joint Session – Implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (Seventh Plenary Meeting of the HLG-IGIF and Workshop)		
13:30 - 17:00	Seventh Plenary Meeting of the HLG-IGIF (Session 3) and preliminary session of workshop on geospatial information management arrangements and the wider integrated data ecosystem Use and Implementation of the UN-IGIF and development of Country-level Action Plan at global level <i>In this session, countries will provide a brief high-level 'status report' and situational analysis on their current progress in the use and implementation of the UN-IGIF towards developing geospatial strategies, enhancing geospatial information management, and advancing solutions for a sustainable future. The moderated session and discussion will provide an opportunity to draw out some of the common challenges, opportunities, needs and strategic orientations to sustain the adoption of the UN-IGIF and related development of Country-level Action Plans.</i>	
13:30 -15:30	Country experiences: - Mozambique - Panama - Bahrain - India - Serbia - Chile	Ms. Odete Semiao, <i>General Manager, National Agency for Geospatial Development</i> Mr. Angel Dávila, <i>Secretary General, National Land Administration Authority</i> Ms. Shaikha May Al-Khalifa, <i>Director, Geographic Information Systems</i> Mr. Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana <i>Surveyor General, India</i> Darko Vucetić, <i>Sector for Development and Innovation, Republic Geodetic Authority</i> Ms. Pamela Castillo Retamales <i>International Coordinator Spatial Data Infrastructure</i>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 - 17:00	Moderated discussions Summary, next steps and closing	Mr. Fernand Isseri, <i>Co-Chair HLG-IGIF</i> Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, <i>Co-Chair HLG-IGIF</i>

Organizers

The meeting is organized by the Global Geospatial Information Management Section, and the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre, Statistics Division, DESA, United Nations.

Language

The meetings will be conducted in English.

Participation

Participation in the events is by invitation only. Participants are expected to be designated geospatial information management representatives, lead or focal persons, and subject matter experts from the HLG-IGIF. Participants are responsible for obtaining the necessary transit and entry visas, including necessary travel and health insurance as applicable.



Meeting Venue

The meeting will be held at the United Nations Office in Vienna, Austria.

Dates

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