

## Information Brief for the Extended Bureau UN-GGIM (March 2021)

The United Nations Geospatial Network reached 37 entities represented on January 2021 and held monthly meetings since the tenth session of UN-GGIM plenary held online in August-September 2020.

Key activities progress, in accordance with the [Blueprint](#), include:

1. The preparation of **Generic Geospatial Job Description** to promote geospatial professions and develop a consolidated approach to human resource management is ongoing. Several entities referred to the importance of consolidation of titles, responsibilities and the potential usage within the Organization and for Member States. A consolidated draft, drawing from available references online from URISA, ILO, United Kingdom, Canada and generic templates from the United Nations, is ready and will be further consolidated, included through rounds of consultations with Human Resources of the Organization, UN-GGIM Networks, International organizations and Member States who wish to do so. The final job description will be attached to the report of the Network to the eleventh session of UN-GGIM.
2. The **Demonstration projects** were collected as showcases on the use and application of geospatial information management by the United Nations system. While the emphasis on 10 Demonstration projects was initially considered for upcoming side-events associated to UN-GGIM 11 plenary, the Network agreed to leverage all projects submitted and any additional ones to be advertised on the upcoming webpage of the UN Geospatial Network and in planned publications.
3. An ongoing **inventory questionnaire** is ready to be sent to entities to further inform on data, activities, institutional set-ups, infrastructure, capacity development activities and with the intent to further organize data coordination and governance across the United Nations system entities. The result of the inventory will also be the foundation for a Live Electronic Directory with relevant activities and representatives, extending further the [Blueprint Landscape](#).
4. The planning of **events** on geospatial information as:
  - A joint Workshop between the CCSA-UNGN on the Integration between Geospatial and Statistical Information in International Organizations and to Member States, on April/May 2021
  - A proposal to organize a Side Event during UN-GGIM 11 by FAO on the Launch of the Global Agro-Ecological Zoning Platform version 4 (GAEZ4)
5. Finally, the recent decision to **prepare two publications** on “Geospatial in Action for the United Nations. Impacting on People, Places and Planet” and “Geospatial for Humanity: Prevention, Response and Recovery on the World COVID-19 Pandemic” aims to leverage the demonstration projects content into publications and promote further the role of geospatial information for insights during crisis and in supporting the mandates of the Organization.