

## **UN-GGIM-AP Information Brief**

### **Activities since the Tenth Session of UN-GGIM**

#### **Contribution by Japan**

Japan has provided valuable contribution to the work of the UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat through supporting a Junior Professional Officer (JPO), who started working in the Space Applications Section of Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division of ESCAP, in mid-January 2021.

#### **WG 3 Webinar: Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics, Answering SDG Implementation Challenges**

WG 3 on Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics organised on 7 October 2020 a Webinar on 'Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics, Answering SDG Implementation Challenges, giving inputs from Mongolia, Japan, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Thailand as well as the Disaster Risk Reduction Section and Statistics Division of ESCAP on how they face that challenge.

<https://www.un-ggim-ap.org/meeting/wg3-webinar-integrating-geospatial-information-and-statistics-answering-sdgs-challenge>

#### **Regional Workshop for Promoting the Asia-Pacific Geospatial Information Platform**

ESCAP, as the Secretariat of UN-GGIM-AP, has initiated a long-term initiative over the next 10 years from 2020 to 2030 to provide member States with an integrated geospatial data hub through the operation of an Asia-Pacific geospatial information platform across countries.

On 16 October 2020, ESCAP organised an initial exploratory 'Regional Workshop for Promoting the Asia-Pacific Geospatial Information Platform', to discuss concept, possibilities and challenges of such an information platform.

<https://www.un-ggim-ap.org/meeting/regional-workshop-promoting-asia-pacific-geospatial-information-platform>

#### **Ninth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP**

The Ninth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP was hosted virtually by Indonesia on 3 & 5 November 2020. It provided an opportunity for member states to discuss global and regional perspectives on the latest topics of geospatial information, especially considering the COVID-19 pandemic. It included a meeting of all three UN-GGIM-AP Working Groups.

<https://www.un-ggim-ap.org/meeting/ninth-plenary-meeting-un-ggim-ap>

#### **Virtual Regional Seminar on Operationalizing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in Asia and the Pacific**

The UN-GGIM and UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat jointly organized a 'Virtual Regional Seminar on Operationalizing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) in Asia and the Pacific' on 12 November and 2 December 2020.



The aim of the seminar was to raise awareness of and improve knowledge and understanding on the IGIF, to introduce an approach to operationalize the IGIF through country-level Action Plans and to share ongoing national experience in designing and developing country-level Action Plans in the Asia-Pacific region.

<https://www.un-ggim-ap.org/meeting/virtual-regional-seminar-operationalizing-integrated-geospatial-information-framework-asia>

## **Planned:**

### **WG1 Webinar: Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF)**

For beginning of May 2021, WG1 on Geodetic Reference Frame is planning a Webinar on the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) as a follow up of the planned global webinar called 'Power of Where', planned by the Subcommittee of Geodesy in late March 2021.

The webinar aims to encourage consultation on the two documents 'Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame' and 'Concept Paper on Establishing a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence'.

### **(Extended) Executive Board Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP**

For Tuesday, 18 May 2021, UN-GGIM-AP is planning a virtual extended Executive Board Meeting which will consist of consultations extended to representatives from the UN-GGIM academic and private sector networks, as well as guest speakers that will help review and take stock of various existing and proposed United Nations global centres concerning geospatial information.

On Thursday, 20 May 2021, a virtual internal Executive Board Meeting is planned to review ongoing work and discuss preparations for the Tenth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in November 2021. This includes the upcoming election for the Presidency and Executive Board of UN-GGIM-AP.

