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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Senegal/UN-GGIM: Africa	
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<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. UN-GGIM: Africa has generated several policy materials that can help Member States fast track progress in the implementation of national spatial data infrastructures and their integration into other strategies.2. Through a survey the Region has carried out an assessment of the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on geospatial activities in Africa was carried out. The preliminary finding informs that most of the countries are heavily impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak with in most instances disruption and stopping of geospatial activities.3. The Africa region commends the work done by the Secretariat on the Strengthening geospatial information management and thereby endorses the report. The region further recommends the adoption of the third edition of the Future Trends Report on Geospatial Information Management (the 5- to 10-year vision).4. In moving forward, as regard to the geospatial response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Africa Region recommends the Secretariat to continue working with Member States and other interested bodies to define what practical and feasible steps national mapping authorities can take to lead the national efforts in responding to such a crisis.	
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