

# Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

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### Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

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Changes in the World – such as urbanization, population growth and the climate change pose great challenges for all Member States around the globe.

We all came here together, because we acknowledge the importance of Sustainability and Resilience.

Shaping the future for our next generations is the main goal to be achieved. We have to face global challenges with smart technology, innovations and collaboration.

Providing the foundation for Earth observation and positioning is a global challenge and is of key importance for socially relevant issues such as stable living conditions or land use.

Without basic geodetic data effective action is impossible, especially in the areas of civil protection, weather forecasting and planning.

Nature has no borders, neither does Geodesy.

GERMANY welcomes all efforts undertaken within UN-GGIM in the past 10 years  
- towards the development of a global geodetic infrastructure, and  
- enabling all Member States to work together in a coordinated manner.

With the application to host the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (hereafter: GGCE) at the UN Campus Bonn, GERMANY acknowledges the potential and role of a globally coordinated geodetic infrastructure.

I am convinced that the GGCE in Bonn is an excellent opportunity to support Member States in improving their national contributions to the global geodetic infrastructure.

It is worth noting, that the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) will play a crucial role in the advisory body of the GGCE, as IAG brings together the necessary geodetic institutions.

My agency, BKG, in Frankfurt, given its proximity to Bonn, can provide useful support to the GGCE and its tasks.

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On behalf of the German Federal Government, I would like to thank all Member States for the support letters regarding the establishment of the GGCE in Germany.

Thank you very much

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