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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

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As a leading location intelligence technology provider, Esri most vociferously endorses the premise that geospatial information is a foundational component of national infrastructure and underpins the knowledge economy and sustainable development. National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) interconnects organizations across borders, jurisdictions, and sectors to address our most significant social and environmental challenges, including natural and human-made disasters. SDI concepts are well known and widely accepted but often fail in their implementation. Esri recognizes the value in championing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) as an implementation model for contemporary SDI to develop, integrate, strengthen and maximize the effective use of geospatial information and related resources in all countries. With a focus on regional capacity building, governance and streamlining information sharing, Esri has applied the IGIF implementation guidelines in our own efforts in establishing trans-national Geospatial Collaboratives across Africa and the Caribbean (the Africa and Caribbean GeoPortals). The UN COE on GGIM and its member nation participants should be commended on their collective efforts to advance the building and advocacy for geospatial infrastructures.

Esri would like to express its commitment to continue supporting the vital work of the UN COE on GGIM in our capacity as expert contributors.

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