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- [EARSC](#) welcomes the report from the Secretariat and the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators.
- EARSC supports the activity of the working group and encourages the vision to facilitate a shared understanding of how geo-information can help business sectors to support most effectively the achievement of the SDGs. The **integration of best practises** bridging multiple economic sectors such as agriculture, energy, insurance, etc with SDGs monitoring and reporting will help on building transformational capacities and facilitate companies to align their investments towards the implementation of the 2030 agenda.
- EARSC aligns with the statement from UNGGIM Europe supporting the Working Groups long-term aim of developing a Geospatial Roadmap for the SDGs to enable the measurement, monitoring, and reporting of geospatially related SDG **indicators** but also **targets and goals** which are closer to society and real business practises.
- EARSC seek to improve the process of turning **research into business and for the citizen**. All of these are key for the continued contribution of the EO sector to meeting societal development goals.

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