

United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management Preparation for the Virtual Tenth Session

“Global Chat”

Wednesday 12 August 2020

11:00 hrs. – 13:00 hrs. (UTC)/7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (EDT/New York)

Moderator: Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UNSD

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductory comments – Bureau and Secretariat.
2. Status and overview of substantive reports and background documents.
3. Update on proposed working modalities, submission of statements, and timelines.
4. Update on logistical arrangements, protocols, and timing.
5. Global chat – open discussion.



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Agenda #1: Welcome and introductory comments from Bureau and Secretariat
Stefan Schweinfest

Some virtual meeting house rules

- Please always keep your microphone muted while you are not speaking.
- Please keep your video turned off unless speaking.
- Please do use the chat if you wish to make any comments and/or ask questions.
- Please silence your cellphone, especially when you are speaking.
- We have allowed plenty of time for questions and discussion during our global chat 😊



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Agenda #2: Status and overview of substantive reports and background documents.

Greg Scott

All summaries (in six languages), reports and background documents are now available on the tenth session web-page (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/10th-Session/documents/>).



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- 1) *Strengthening geospatial information management*
- 2) *Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda*
- 3) *Integrated Geospatial Information Framework*
- 4) *Global geodetic reference frame*
- 5) *Geospatial information for sustainable development*
- 6) *Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information*
- 7) *Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management*
- 8) *Geospatial information and services for disasters*
- 9) *Marine geospatial information*
- 10) *Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data*
- 11) *Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community*
- 12) *Collaboration with the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names*



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Agenda #2: Status and overview of substantive reports and background documents.

Greg Scott

The organization of the work is as follows –

Wednesday 26 August 2020

- 1) *Strengthening geospatial information management (for discussion)*
- 3) *Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion)*
- 4) *Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion)*
- 6) *Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management (for discussion)*
- 10) *Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data (for discussion)*



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Agenda #2: Status and overview of substantive reports and background documents.

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The organization of the work is as follows –

Thursday 27 August 2020

- 2) *Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda (for information)*
- 8) *Geospatial information and services for disasters (for discussion)*
- 9) *Marine geospatial information (for discussion)*
- 5) *Geospatial information for sustainable development (for information)*
- 6) *Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information (for information)*
- 11) *Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community (for information)*
- 12) *Collaboration with the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names (for information)*



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Agenda #3: Proposed working modalities, submission of statements, and timelines

Stefan Schweinfest

Submission of written statements by Member States and entities invited to participate in the work of the tenth session as observers:

1) *Submission of written statements:*

- a) *For Member States, by Head of Delegation or Lead Member (as provided in formal notification to the Secretariat) or Permanent Missions to the UN in New York. To be emailed to ggim@un.org.*
- b) *For observers, by a designated Lead Person of the entity invited by the Committee of Experts. To be emailed to ggim@un.org.*
- c) *Open from 12 August (Wednesday) and encouraged to be provided by 21 August (Friday).*
- d) *Submitted through a proforma provided (and downloadable from the session web-page) against each agenda item.*
- e) *Will be uploaded to the session web-page in pdf format, in the language received, as soon as feasible after receipt (except over weekends).*

2) *Introductions to substantive agenda items will be posted on the session web-page from 17 August.*



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Agenda #3: Proposed working modalities, submission of statements, and timelines

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Submission of written statements by Member States and entities invited to participate in the work of the tenth session as observers:

1) *Session web-page details:* <http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/10th-Session/documents/>

The screenshot shows a web interface with two tabs: 'Meeting Documents' (selected) and 'Statements'. Below the tabs is a list of documents with language selection buttons:

- E/C.20/2020/INF/3 - Documentation for the Session [English](#)
- E/C.20/2020/20 - Provisional Agenda [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#)
- E/C.20/2020/21 - Organization of Work [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#)
- E/C.20/2020/22 - Provisional Rules of Procedure [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#)

Below this is the 'Agenda item #3' section:

- Strengthening geospatial information management
 - E/C.20/2020/23 - Summary [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#)
 - E/C.20/2020/23/Add.1 [Report](#)
 - [Introductory statement](#)
 - [Proforma for submission of written statement for Agenda item #3](#)



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Agenda #3: Proposed working modalities, submission of statements, and timelines

Friday 7 August	All reports for each of the agenda items available on the tenth session web-page.
Tuesday 11 August	Guidelines for submission of written statements provided and made available on the tenth session web-page.
Wednesday 12 August	Member States, and relevant observers invited to participate in the tenth session, can begin to submit their written statements against each agenda item.
Wednesday 12 August	'UN-GGIM Global Chat' - an information session for the tenth session for all prospective delegates and observers.
Friday 21 August	Submission of written statements encouraged by this date to assist the Secretariat in consolidation.
Wednesday 26 August	First virtual meeting of the tenth session of UN-GGIM.
Thursday 27 August	Second virtual meeting of the tenth session of UN-GGIM.
Friday 28 August	Draft decisions of the tenth session of UN-GGIM available on the session web-page.
Friday 28 August	Member States and relevant observers can begin to submit proposed refinements in writing against each draft decision item.
Tuesday 1 September	Last day for written submission of proposed refinements related to the draft decisions.
Friday 4 September	Third virtual meeting of the tenth session of UN-GGIM, considers the draft decisions (having received proposed refinements) and agrees on final language for the 'informal' adoption of the report. Silence procedure can then be initiated.



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Agenda #4: Update on logistical arrangements and protocols for the tenth session

Stefan Schweinfest

- 1) *One Co-Chair will preside over each 2 hour session.*
- 2) *Interpretation and timing of the sessions.*
- 3) *Web platforms being considered; Interprefy, WebEx, webcasting on UN WebTV.*
- 4) *Protocols for each agenda item – 2 min oral introduction, 1-2 statements, summary, etc.*
- 5) *Protocols for communicating during the session and for the agenda items – chat window, etc.*
- 6) *Encourage written statements to be provided to the Secretariat by 21 August. Additional statements could be posted, including on the chat during the actual session. However, they may not be fully captured immediately in the summary read out, but can be added at a later stage.*
- 7) *Other?*



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Agenda #5: Global chat – open discussion

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Communications and engagement

Intention to provide regular updates to prospective delegates and observers, and include information on technical and logistical arrangements when available.

The first letter sent on 29 July 2020

Follow-up email on 10 August 2020

Open discussion



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