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Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Africa Regional Committee of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information (UN-GGIM: Africa).	
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>1. UN-GGIM: Africa takes note of the report and express its appreciation for the work done by the Working Group and welcome the report tabled for discussion during this session.</p> <p>2. Given that there is no single authoritative source on who the agency and / or authority responsible for national mapping is in each African country and the relevant legislative mandate, UN-GGIM: Africa with the support of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is conducting a research study to understand how NMAs from UNECA members states are constituted legally and where do they fit in the national government structure (how are they funded?) so as to determine barriers to effectiveness and sustainability.</p> <p>3. The Africa Region invite the members of the Working Group and all interested countries and entities to join hands with UN-GGIM: Africa in sharing your knowledge and expertise to assess, identify and develop guidelines on the legislative mandate of African National Mapping Agencies.</p>	
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