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Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community (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 welcomes the report of the Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) and further express its appreciation of the work of the three organizations to support implementation of standards-based solutions that ensure interoperability, data sharing across jurisdictions and platforms.</p> <p>2. The Africa region endorses the Third Edition of the Standards Guide as a living document to be complemented with examples of practices in geospatial standards implementations and user stories at national and regional level.</p> <p>3. Noting that countries from Africa currently participating in ISO/TC211 are very few and this is a serious concern, UN-GGIM: Africa has recently started discussion and has initiated the process for a liaison relationship between the Regional Committee and ISO/TC-211. It's the hope that this will not only provide exposure but will entice our Member States to start engaging in standards development nationally.</p>	
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