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Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda (for discussion and decision)

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| Statement provided by: Africa Regional Committee of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information (UN-GGIM: Africa) | |
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| <p>1. The sixth meeting of the Africa Regional Committee was held online, in a scaled down format, from 1st to 4th December 2020. The meeting was attended by over 90 participants from 43 countries across the globe, of which 32 were from African countries that were represented by heads of national geospatial authorities or agencies. Many partners and private-sector representatives also attended.</p> <p>2. The meeting gave the opportunity to deepen the discussions on the strategies for a geospatial response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The African geospatial response consists of four building blocks: (a) mapping African geospatial expertise to provide a fact-based decision tool to health-care authorities, governments and frontline workers; (b) using geographic information systems to strengthen decision-making of the African health-care systems; (c) building geospatial infrastructure to support the implementation of the geospatial response; and (d) putting in place mechanisms to govern the response strategies.</p> <p>The Regional Committee calls upon member States and interested partners and entities to assist the region in determining and rolling-out concrete support actions that can be carried out by national mapping agencies, the private sector and civil society organizations to leverage geospatial information technology to build forward better the post-COVID recovery efforts.</p> <p>3. UN-GGIM: Africa acknowledge and express its appreciation to the contribution of the regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda, recognizing the progress achieved since the tenth session of the Committee of Experts. The Africa region reiterates its call for a more concerted efforts in the strengthening of the coordination and coherence of geospatial information management among the regional committees.</p> | |
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