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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

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- 1.** UN-GGIM: Africa recognizes that the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework not only provides additional structure, explanation and evidence as to why national spatial data infrastructure is important, but it also provides the guidance, options and actions to plan for, develop and implement an integrated national geospatial information management programme that is aligned with the national strategic priorities and circumstances in a given country.
- 2.** The Africa Region takes note of the report and expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat for the continuous efforts in the refinement and finalization of the IGIF implementation guide. It further endorses the formal establishment of the High-Level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the composition of its membership.
- 3.** However, the Africa region recognizes that providing adequate resources and support for ground-level action is imperative for African countries to develop national action plans that can be effectively operationalized, with a view to having a significant impact. Assisting member States in developing country-specific action plans will help them to develop spatially-enabled e-services, embark on the path towards digital transformation, and bridge the geospatial digital divide on the continent.
Additionally, the Africa region wishes that in developing the capacity building programmes, attention is also given to how countries can build a sustainable business model while outlining the options to introduce geospatial professionals to a simple methodology for identifying and explaining economic, social, and environmental benefits in terms that decision makers can understand.

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