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### Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

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1. The Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa provides a regional focus for coordinating African geospatial development and contributing to the wider global initiative. The region has initiated action items and approaches to support successful implementation of integrated spatial information infrastructures and frameworks in African countries, through: (a) securing buy-in from top-level policymakers and decision-makers; (b) adopting a mandatory model of implementation; (c) adopting a product-based implementation approach; and (d) adopting a step-wise implementation methodology that involves analyzing the environment, formulating a strategy, then implementing that strategy; and continuous improvement.
2. The Africa region takes note of the report and commends the work done by the Secretariat to improve and strengthen national geospatial information capacity-building, particularly in developing countries. The Africa region endorses the report while calling for more concerted discussions between the Secretariat and the Regional Committees in taking strategic and practical action in the steering and coordination of the global geospatial information management, particularly the related interlinkages with Member States.
3. UN-GGIM: Africa supports the establishment of an ad-hoc task team to prepare and consult on the report to ECOSOC and agrees with the proposal for the Bureau to finalize and submit the report to ECOSOC in February 2022, in close consultation with Expanded Bureau.
4. UN-GGIM: Africa remains committed to coordinate with its Member States to initiate a dialogue with their Foreign Affairs and Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New to alert and sensitize them to the preparations and nature of the report to the Economic and Social Council in 2022.
5. The Regional Committee notes that, with the emergence of certain new trends, national mapping agencies were at a crossroads that would determine whether they would remain relevant in the evidence business. Therefore, UN-GGIM: Africa renew its call to stakeholders in the region with support from partners to join hands in developing a comprehensive programme for modernizing geospatial activities in Africa to provide ideas, insights and strategic avenues for the cooperative management of development-related information.

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