

# Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

## Eleventh session

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Item 1 of the agenda

### Election of officers

(for discussion and decision)

***Statement provided by:***

Paloma Merodio  
co-Chair of UN-GGIM for the eleventh session

***Statement:***

Oral Statement from Paloma Merodio:

Distinguished delegates, I am honored to be co-chair of the Committee of Experts, delighted to be a member of this three female team, which has historical significance in the evolution of UN-GGIM.

I wish to call upon the Member States to support the work done so far by the Bureau to improve and strengthen national and regional geospatial information management, through the implementation of the frameworks such as the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) and the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF), particularly in developing countries, which are critical tools to face the challenges of the coming decades, such as climate change, the increase of violent meteorological phenomena, droughts, fires and their effect on the lives of animal and plant species, accelerated urbanization, pandemics, such as the covid 19 that is now complicated by the emergence of new variants, great economic inequalities, among other phenomena.

Today more than ever we must join forces, as there is too much to achieve.

Finally, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to the people of Haiti who have suffered a few days ago a devastating earthquake.

Dear delegates, I reiterate that I will do my best to serve the Bureau to accomplish its mission.

Thank you.

Submitted on:

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