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Colombia's National Statistics Office (DANE, for its acronym in Spanish)

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Colombia welcomes the efforts and progress to refine and finalize the Implementation Guide, and its development as a living and usable document. We recall the importance of the assistance and guidance in the implementation of IGIF, as well as, the need of providing e-learning materials for the development of country-level action plans. These action plans will allow strengthening national capacities to manage geospatial resources and modernize national geospatial information arrangements.

Colombia highlights the establishment of the High-level Group for the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the development of the terms of reference and the strategic plan.

Colombia notes the significance of the approach that the IGIF and the inclusion of the guides to further refine as technologies, processes, and knowledge has evolved. The inclusion of the IGIF guides the transformative change of the practical experiences of the Member States in the implementation of the framework. Moreover, Colombia underlines the importance of IGIF in allowing the conduction of the necessary processes to promote the efficient and effective use and sharing of geospatial information amongst different stakeholders to facilitate the decision-making and innovation. DANE notes with satisfaction that the IGIF integrated framework has contributed to the implementation of our SDI. Currently, We are seeking for legal support from the National Data Infrastructure in order to properly implement this process.

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