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Organization of the session

A. Work of the session

1. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2021/233, and taking into account the prevailing conditions relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic affecting the working arrangements and the available technological and procedural solutions in the interim period, the Committee of Experts did not hold formal meetings of its eleventh session. The Committee held three online informal meetings with remote simultaneous interpretation, on 23, 24 and 27 August 2021.
2. The Committee conducted its business during the eleventh session through correspondence and informal consultations and considered proposals by means of silence procedure pursuant to Council decision 2021/233.

B. Election of officers

3. The Committee of Experts elected the following officers by means of silence procedure on 13 August 2021.

Co-Chairs:

Ingrid Vanden Berghe (Belgium)
Paloma Merodio Gómez (Mexico)
Rosamond Bing (Tonga)

Rapporteur:

Kamal Outghouliast (Morocco)



C. Agenda and organization of work

4. The Committee of Experts adopted its provisional agenda ([E/C.20/2021/1](#)) by means of silence procedure. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Strengthening of geospatial information management.
4. Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda.
5. Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.
6. Global geodetic reference frame.
7. Geospatial information for sustainable development.
8. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information.
9. Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management.
10. Geospatial information and services for disasters.
11. Marine geospatial information.
12. Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data.
13. Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community.
14. Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.
15. Programme management report.
16. Provisional agenda and dates for the twelfth session of the Committee of Experts.
17. Report of the Committee of Experts on its eleventh session.

5. The Committee also approved the revised organization of work for the session ([E/C.20/2021/2/Rev.1](#)) by means of silence procedure.

6. In addition, the Committee adopted its rules of procedure ([E/C.20/2021/3](#)), on the understanding that they would also apply to all future sessions of the Committee, by means of silence procedure.

7. The Committee also adopted a decision, by means of silence procedure, in which it invited the following non-governmental organizations and other entities, which do not have consultative status with the Council, to participate in the work of the session as observers: Aligarh Muslim University; American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing; Austrian Academy of Sciences; Carleton University; Centre for Spatial Law and Policy; ConsultingWhere; Curtin University; Environmental Systems Research Institute; EuroGeographics; European Association of Remote Sensing Companies; European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information; FIMO – Vietnam National University; Geospatial Frameworks; Geospatial World; Griffith University; Group on Earth Observations secretariat; Health GeoLab Collaborative; Hexagon; Institute of Photogrammetry and Geoinformation, Leibniz University Hannover, Germany; International Association of Geodesy; International Cartographic Association; International Society for Digital Earth; International Union of Geodesy and

Geophysics; John Kedar Geospatial Initiatives, Ltd.; Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium; Land Equity International; Location International, Ltd.; MapAction; Maxar Technologies; National Autonomous University of Mexico; National University of La Plata; NOVA Information Management School; Open Geospatial Consortium; Pan-American Institute of Geography and History; PlaceFund; Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu; RSS-Hydro; Southwest Jiaotong University; Taylor & Francis Group; Technical University of Vienna; Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; Three Trees and a Map PR, Ltd.; University of Botswana; University of Melbourne; University of Pretoria; University of Twente; University of Winnipeg; World Geospatial Industry Council; and Wuhan University.

D. Documentation

8. The documents before the Committee of Experts at its eleventh session are available on the Committee's website (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html).
