

**Eleventh Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on
Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)
23, 24 and 27 August 2021**

Dear colleagues,

I am following up to my previous communication letter sent on 27 July 2021, in which I provided an update on the convening of the eleventh session of UN-GGIM. This session will now be held in a scaled down virtual format, consisting of three two-hour meetings, on **23, 24 and 27 August 2021**. As promised in my letter, we are sending out emails as required to ensure that you are receiving the right information and timely updates on a regular basis.

Firstly, we will be convening a '**UN-GGIM Eleventh Session Global Chat**' **this Thursday 5 August 2021 at 11:00 hrs. (UTC) or 7:00 am (EDT/New York) for 2 hours**. The connection link for the webinar, which will be convened via WebEx is below.

This will be an informal test run and Q&A session for participants, for you to gain a level of comfort and understanding on the process and procedures for the session. Broadly, the Global Chat will include the following items for the eleventh session:

1. Welcome and introductory comments
2. Status and overview of the technical reports and background documents
3. Update on proposed working modalities, submission of statements, and timelines
4. Update on logistical arrangements, protocols, and timing
5. Global chat – open discussion

Secondly, we are still in the process of finalizing the technical reports for the eleventh session and these will be uploaded along with background documents, to the Committee's website as and when available here: <http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/11th-Session/documents/>.

Thirdly, following the submission of side event proposals, we are pleased to announce that we will launch a side events calendar on the Committee's website shortly. Connection details, agenda and concept notes for the side events will be made available when they are provided by the organizers of each side event.

Finally, we are presently preparing guidance and instructions on how the submission of written statements are to be made, including the provision of a standard template to assist you, via the session website. For those of you who are familiar, the process will be very similar to the tenth session last year. Member States and relevant observers invited to participate in the eleventh session will be able to begin to submit their written statements from **Tuesday 3 August 2021**.

We look forward to speaking with you all on Thursday.

Many thanks,

Stefan

Global Chat connection details:

<https://undesa.webex.com/undesa/j.php?MTID=md1d94b75785ca0b0982d5f605a4f3997>