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Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda (for discussion and decision)

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UN-GGIM: Arab States

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The UN-GGIM Arab States 8th plenary virtual meeting was organized and hosted at the invitation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, represented by the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information, in collaboration with the United Nations Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Arab States Secretariat. The purpose of the meeting was to follow-up the progress of the work of the Committee and its Technical Working Groups. The meeting was attended by 46 participants from 13 member countries. Also in attendance were two representatives of the GCC Statistics Center, UN-GGIM Chair and Secretariat representatives, three experts of UN-GGIM Working Group and the United Nations Economic and Social Committee for Western Asia (ESCWA) representative.

Each of the four UN-GGIM: Arab States Working Groups (WGs) briefly presented the key activities ongoing in their respective areas of focus, and their plans for the next year. The invited subject matter experts advised the WGs on matters pertaining to their respective areas of focus in the form of presentations, discussions and analysis. Moreover, a number of workshops and scientific seminars have been scheduled to be held during this year to exchange knowledge and experiences among member states.

The UN-GGIM Arab States thanks the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for hosting the 7th plenary meeting of the Regional Committee in February 2019, and also thanks the United Arab Emirates for hosting the next plenary meeting of the Regional Committee in February 2022.

The UN-GGIM Arab States notes the activities of the other regional committees and four thematic groups, and would like to congratulate them on the progress and achievements described in the report.

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