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Indonesia appreciates the continuous efforts made to refine the Integrated Geospatial Information Frameworks (IGIF) Implementation Guide. It is essential to provide Member States with a structured and comprehensive implementation document in order to raise understanding of the national geospatial information management arrangements. Therefore, updating the Overarching Strategic Framework and completing resource materials of the Implementation Guide should be prioritized. We also believe that the refinement and finalization process should be complemented with the provision of resource and e-learning materials related to the IGIF Implementation Guide and Country-level Action Plans (CAP). As many countries are now implementing the IGIF and developing their own CAP, we recommend these experiences and best practices published in the IGIF website.

Establishment of the High-Level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Frameworks (HLG-IGIF) is essential to ensure the sustained success of the IGIF. We acknowledge the activities and progress of the HLG-IGIF that develop Strategic Plan based on the mandates and key functions given by the Committee of Experts. Regarding the three priority goals recommended for initial Plan of Work (improved communication, capacity development, and sustainable funding), we propose several recommendations as follows:

- a. Launch IGIF forums at the global and regional level for decision-makers, key stakeholders as well as geospatial community to raise the awareness and improve communication.
- b. The IGIF forums could also be a media to share good practices and successful strategies of CAP implementation which will strengthen capacity development. The IGIF virtual knowledge learning series held by the World Bank's Open Learning Campus back in early 2021 is also a good way to increase capacity development for Member Countries.
- c. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic many countries have to reallocate their national budgets to deal with it. The HLG-IGIF should identify alternative funding resources to support the implementation of IGIF, particularly in the developing countries.

We believe the IGIF offers a new paradigm and mechanism to further strengthen nationally integrated geospatial information management, not only for countries that newly adopt Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) but also for those who already successfully implemented SDI capabilities. Continuous collaboration is compulsory with other initiative such as Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure, The European Union Location Framework Blueprint or Geospatial Ecosystem Beyond SDIs – initiated by the European Umbrella Organization for Geographic Information (EUROGI). These should provide direct interlinkages with the IGIF in which will ultimately extend its implementation.

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