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Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Finland	
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<p>Finland would like to thank the UN EG ISGI group for its work on integration of statistics and geospatial information.</p> <p>The report of the UN EG ISGI successfully describes the current emphatic need for goal oriented and stable cooperation. Responding to prevailing complex challenges, like Covid-19 and climate change, requires implementation of the GSGF at the regional level and moreover, further development of the national integration infrastructure including close collaboration.</p> <p>Statistics Finland and the National Land Survey of Finland have been fostering one-to-one cooperation at the operational level for many years. As an implementing action of the GSGF at the national level, a new national Integration of Statistics and Geospatial Information Network has been established this year. The new network brings together members from geospatial and statistical communities (government agencies, academia and private sector). The first goals have been set and work on increased interoperability will start in autumn 2021. The network also strives for extensive collaboration, communication and capacity sharing with other national networks for pursuing maximal benefits of data integration. It will support data production in the organisations, but it supports joint development efforts, like the development of SDG indicators, too. For managing national core activities in the integration domain in a stable way, strategic leadership is currently being planned by Statistics Finland and the National Land Survey of Finland.</p> <p>The GSGF (with the support of the IGIF) is a powerful tool to intensify cooperation. As an outcome, the capacity to meet new complex challenges may increase in all participating organisations.</p>	
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