



UN GEOSPATIAL NETWORK

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Eleventh Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM Side Event

Title of Event:	Activities of the United Nations Geospatial Network
Date:	Thursday, 19 August
Time:	09:30 – 11:00 EDT
Organizer:	UN Geospatial Network

Background

The Side Event provides an opportunity to present the objectives, collective actions and highlight relevant entities activities that relate to the work of the Committee.

At its Tenth session, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 10/102, in which it commended the United Nations Geospatial Network for its extensive work on the preparation and completion of the document entitled “Blueprint: geospatial for a better world – transforming the lives of people, places and planet” and its companion document, entitled “Blueprint: geospatial landscape of the United Nations system”, developed in close consultation with the United Nations system, and which presented a review of the current status of the geospatial landscape in the United Nations. The Blueprint is the foundational strategic document that guides ongoing activities and the future of the United Nations Geospatial Network.

Following the strategic priorities contained in the Blueprint, the Network conducted major activities on communication and outreach. In this context, and to further inform and raise awareness on the value, use and relevance of geospatial information management in support of the mandates of the Organization, the Network released two publications entitled respectively “[Geospatial in Action – Data and Insights for the Sustainable Development Goals](#)” and “[Geospatial for Humanity: Prevention, Response and Recovery on the World COVID-19 Pandemic](#)”. The publications provide an overview of the relevance of geospatial information management for the Organization in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and on the ongoing pandemic crisis with relevance to its Working Groups of the IAEG-SDG on [Geospatial Information](#) or the [Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters](#).

The United Nations Geospatial Network will also present relevant activities that have been conducted in partnerships with geospatial societies, international standards development organizations, regional organizations, Member States and between its entities. Presentations will include a publication on cartography that includes perspectives on global statistical and geospatial integration, prepared with the International Cartographic Association; the launch of the global agro-ecological zone platform and the Hand-in-Hand Initiative; disasters response and capacity development in countries.

Agenda

VISION

- 1. The Blueprint: a common vision and objectives**
Chair of the UN Geospatial Network
Alexandre Caldas (United Nations Environment Programme)

GEOSPATIAL AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- 2. Geospatial in Action: Data for the Sustainable Development Goals in the United Nations**
Vice Chair of the UN Geospatial Network
Toby Wicks (United Nations Children's Fund)
- 3. Mapping for A Sustainable World: a book on cartography and the Sustainable Development Goals**
Kyoung-Soo Eom, Chief Geospatial Information Section of the United Nations
Tim Trainor, President of the International Cartographic Association
- 4. Global Agro-Ecological Zone and the Hand-in-Hand initiative**
Douglas Muchoney, Head Geospatial Unit, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Sam Libby, Senior Principal Technical Consultant, ESRI

GEOSPATIAL CRISIS RESPONSE AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- 5. Geospatial for Humanity: Covid19 response and the new Working Group on Geospatial & Health**
Ravi Santhana Krishnan, Geospatial Lead, World Health Organization
- 6. Disaster management and capacity building in countries**
Einar Bjørge, Director UN Satellite Centre, United Nations Institute for Training & Research
Vice Chair of the UN Geospatial Network
- 7. Strengthening Geospatial management in the Americas**
Horacio Castellaro, Technical Advisor, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PARTICIPANTS

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