

Introducing the Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) 2022: Towards Geo-enabling the Global Village - Hyderabad, India

Side Event on the margins of the Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM – 16 August 2021

Duration of event: 90 Minutes (0800-0930am New York/EDT and 0530-0700pm Delhi/ IST)

Objective of the side event and expected outcomes

- a) To sensitize the Global Geospatial Information Community about the Second UNWGIC to be organized by the Government of India in October 2022; and,
- b) Obtaining the views from Member States, and stakeholders on the event and its core theme - “Geo-enabling the Global Village”

This side event will help in developing inputs for designing content of the Second UNWGIC, India. It will be composed of four virtual sessions in the form of Presentations and Panel Discussions:

1. Inaugural session: Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India
2. The 360-degree view of India’s emerging Geospatial Ecosystem and Second UNWGIC
3. Panel Discussion on the proposed core theme of Second UNWGIC, “Geo-enabling the Global Village”
4. Panel Discussion on Global collaborative opportunities for supporting and strengthening the Second UNWGIC

Provisional Agenda

Speakers at the side event are leaders from the global geospatial information community, organized as follows:

Session 1) Inaugural session (10 minutes)

Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India

Session 2) The 360-degree view of India’s emerging Geospatial Ecosystem and Second UNWGIC (30 minutes)

Moderator: Mr. Pankaj Mishra, Survey of India, Government of India

- (i) Overview of India’s emerging Geospatial Ecosystem by DST (video)
- (ii) Indian Remote Sensing Program by Mr. Shantanu Bhatawdekar, Department of Space, Government of India
- (iii) Indian Geospatial Industry by Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Chair, UN-GGIM Private Sector Network
- (iv) Indian Geospatial Academic Sector by Prof. Milap Punia, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Member, UN-GGIM Academic Network
- (v) Geospatial information for the disadvantaged of society by Mr. Jagadeesh Rao, Foundation for Environment Security
- (vi) Geospatial Information for SDGs - The Youth Perspective by Ms. Mahika Shrivastava, 12th Grade Student, Delhi Public School, New Delhi

Session 3) Panel Discussion on Proposed core theme of Second UNWGIC “Geo-enabling the Global Village” (20 Minutes)

Moderator: Dr. D. Dutta, DST, Government of India

- (i) Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UN Statistics Division
- (ii) Mr. Rolando Ocampo, Director, Statistics Division, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- (iii) Dr. Bandar Al-Muslmani, Vice President, GASCI, Saudi Arabia and Chair UN-GGIM Arab States
- (iv) Ms. Rosamond Carter Bing, Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Tonga and Co-Chair of UN-GGIM

Session 4) Panel Discussion on “Global collaborative opportunities for supporting and strengthening the Second UNWGIC” (30 Minutes)

Moderator: Mr. P.S. Acharya, Government of India

- (i) Mr. Naveen Tomar, Surveyor General of India and Executive Board Member, UN-GGIM-Asia and the Pacific
- (ii) Mr. Simon Costello, Geoscience Australia, Australia
- (iii) Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, US Census Bureau, United States of America
- (iv) Mr. Rob van de Velde, Director, Genovum
- (v) Dr. Victor Khoo, Director, Survey & Geomatics, Singapore Land Authority, Singapore
- (vi) Dr. Zaffar Mohamed Ghouse, Board Member, UN Geospatial Societies

Connection details:

The side event will be convened using WebEx, using the connection details below:

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Meeting number (access code): 180 300 9451

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