



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

Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters

“Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters Assessment Survey - Results & Way Forward”

Thursday 19, August 2021
6:00 - 7:45 (EDT/UTC-4)
Virtual - Microsoft Teams

CONCEPT NOTE

A. Background

1. The Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters (WG-Disasters) of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) developed the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters which was adopted by the Committee of Experts in August 2017, and by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on 2nd July 2018. The Framework aims to guide Member States and other stakeholders in making available and accessible all quality geospatial information and services before, during and after disaster events.

2. An Assessment Survey entitled “UN-GGIM Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters Assessment Survey” was prepared and endorsed at the ninth session of the Committee of Experts as a tool to assist Member States in establishing their capacity to implement the Strategic Framework, and also with the objective of providing further guidance to identify capacity gaps within priority areas for action, as defined by the Strategic Framework. The survey consists of the five chapters focusing on the five priority areas detailed in the Strategic Framework, namely a) Governance and policies, b) Awareness raising and capacity building, c) Data management, d) Common infrastructure and services, and e) Resource mobilization. The survey was prepared as an online form and circulated to UN-GGIM Member States, and observers in June 2020, with a completion deadline of 2nd October 2020.

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B. Aim and Objectives

3. The aim of this side event is to engage the UN-GGIM community and to seek their feedback on the results of the globally administered Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters Assessment Survey, as presented in the background paper submitted to the eleventh session entitled “**Assessment 2020 Results - Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information & Services for Disasters**”.

4. The objectives of the side event include:

- To share and highlight the major findings from the assessment displayed on a global and regional levels, supported by a few case studies;
- To highlight the challenges experienced in preparing the report and the gaps identified from the assessment results; and
- To make recommendations on the way forward.

C. Event Format

This side event will be hosted via the **Microsoft Teams platform** for a duration of **one hour and 45 minutes (6:00 - 7:45) (EDT/UTC-4)**. It will comprise an opening session, followed by presentations, a panel discussion, open discussion and closing session. The event will be conducted in **English**.

D. Agenda

The agenda for the side event is as follows:

Time (EDT/UTC-4)	Items	Representatives
6:00 am	Welcome & Introduction	Moderator: Ms. Michelle Edwards <i>Jamaica Co-Chair and Senior Director Mitigation, Planning & Research Office of Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management (ODPEM) Jamaica</i>
6:05 am	Opening Remarks	Ms. Michelle Edwards <i>Jamaica Co-Chair</i>
6:10 am	Presentation: “Overview of the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information & Services on Disasters”	Ms. Febrina E. Damaso <i>Director, Geospatial Information System Management Branch (GISMB) National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) Philippines</i>

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6:20 am	Presentation: “Assessment 2020 Results - Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information & Services for Disasters”	Ms. Simone M. Lloyd, GISP <i>Task Groups A & C Lead UN-GGIM WG Disasters and Senior GIS Manager/Trainer National Spatial Data Management Branch Ministry of Housing, Urban Renewal, Environment & Climate Change (MHURECC), Jamaica</i>
6: 40 am	Presentation: “MapAction’s Support for Covid-19 Vaccine Delivery in South Sudan: Integrated Humanitarian Data Package”	Mr. Nick McWilliam <i>GIS Volunteer MapAction</i>
6:50 am	Good Practice Panel Discussion Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Panellists • Opening Statements: Panellists • Panel Discussion focused on the 5 Priority Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Governance and Policy ii) Awareness Raising and Capacity Building iii) Data Management iv) Common Infrastructure v) Resource Mobilization 	Moderator: Dr. Nouri Sabo <i>Co-Chair UN-GGIM: Americas WG Disasters Deputy Director, Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation, NRCan</i>
		Panelists: Mr. Hidenori Fujimura <i>Director, Planning Division, Geospatial Information Department, Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI)</i>
		Mr. Alan Mills <i>Preparedness Coordinator MapAction</i>
		Ms. Quanhong Zheng <i>Head of Emergency Engineering Center Sichuan Geomatics Center, Ministry of Natural Resources, China</i>
		Ms. María Ximena <i>Specialized Professional National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE), Columbia</i>
		Sodonmaragchaa Dagva <i>Head of Spatial Information and Technology Division National Emergency Management Agency Mongolia</i>
7:25 am	Open Discussion Gaps and Next Steps on the Way forward	Ms. Michelle Edwards & Dr. Nouri Sabo

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Time (EDT/UTC-4)	Items	Representatives
7:35 am	Closing Remarks	Mr. Oki Shoichi <i>Japan Co-Chair and Director General Planning Department Geospatial Information Authority of Japan(GSI)</i>
7:40 am	Vote of Thanks	Ms. Michelle Edwards <i>Jamaica Co-Chair</i>
7:45 am	End of Session	

E. Side Event Registration and Access

The side event will be facilitated using the **Microsoft Teams platform**.

All participants are encouraged to register for the side event by **August 18, 2021**, using the following registration link: <https://arcg.is/abDvPO> .

Upon completion, registrants will be provided with the meeting link to facilitate access to the event on August 19, 2021.

F. Organizers

UN-GGIM Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters (WG- Disasters)

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