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Dear Colleagues,

## Twelfth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) New York, 3-5 August 2022

I am pleased to inform you that the Twelfth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 3 - 5 August 2022.

Please note that as of 4 April 2022, the United Nations Headquarters returned to full operational capability and intergovernmental meetings resumed as normal. We are convening the twelfth session in person, guided by prevailing public health measures, while still prioritizing the health and safety of participants.

In fulfilling its mandate, the Committee of Experts continues to provide a forum for coordination and dialogue among Member States, and between Member States and relevant international organizations and stakeholders. At the twelfth session, the Committee of Experts will follow up and deliberate on work items from the eleventh session and address emerging and critical issues related to geospatial information management globally. These include the implementation of adopted global frameworks, the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework, the Framework for Effective Land Administration and the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters; strengthening institutional arrangements on global geospatial information management; the sustainability and quality of the global geodetic reference frame; policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management; the development of an operational framework for integrated marine geospatial information management; how geospatial information, standards and collaboration support and inform global development agendas including the sustainable development goals and the contributions of regional committees and thematic networks to the global geospatial information agenda.

The Provisional Agenda E/C.20/2022/1 and the Documentation for the Session E/C.20/2022/2 are available on the Committee's website at <a href="https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/12th-Session">https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/12th-Session</a>. Other documents and supporting information on the twelfth session will be posted as they become available. The substantive reports to be discussed during the twelfth session will also be uploaded to the Committee's website no later than 13 July 2022.



To assist with your planning and preparation for the twelfth session, we kindly ask that you note that several important side events and meetings related to the substantive work of the Committee of Experts will be convened from 1-2 August 2022 and on the margins of the twelfth session. A draft overview of the side events and meetings for the week will be available and updated regularly on the Committee's website.

We kindly request colleagues from the United Nations system planning to attend the twelfth session and be invited to participate in the session as observers to advise the UN-GGIM Secretariat (Mr. CheeHai Teo, Email: <a href="teo@un.org">teo@un.org</a>, and Ms. Vilma Frani, Email: <a href="frani@un.org">frani@un.org</a>) of your intention before **Wednesday 6 July 2022**. Practical information and updates will be made available to confirmed participants in due course.

I look forward to seeing you in New York and welcoming you to the Twelfth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

Yours sincerely,

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