



UN-GGIM

**Twelfth Session of the United Nations
Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial
Information Management**

INTRODUCTION SESSION to the Committee of Experts

**Wednesday 3 August 2022
(09:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.)**

Conference Room 2



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UNHQ, New York | 1-5 August 2022

Your Speakers



Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the Statistics Division (SD)

Joined the SD in 1989 in the area of national accounting. He has worked in areas such as statistical capacity building, and indicator frameworks. He was also responsible for external relationships of the Division. He has been the substantive secretary of three intergovernmental bodies, the United Nations Statistical Commission since 2002, the UN-GGIM since 2011 and UNGEGN.



Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Director National Geographic Institute, Belgium Co-Chair UN-GGIM

graduated as an agricultural engineer at KULeuven, specialized in soil science. Appointed as General Administrator of the National Geographic Institute in 2002. She was President of EuroGeographics from 2012 to 2018 and is a member of the board of several research organizations, chair of the board of the technology research organization VITO and visiting professor at KULeuven.

WELCOME to the Twelfth Session

- The **UN-GGIM Secretariat and Bureau** welcome you to New York, the United Nations and the **Twelfth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)**.
- This presentation aims to introduce participants who are attending the annual session of the Committee of Experts for the first time, to the formal procedures of a United Nations inter-governmental meeting.
- We hope that this presentation will assist first-time participants to have a productive and rewarding week at the United Nations headquarters.

What is important to know

1. UN-GGIM - Objectives, Architecture and Work
2. Overview of Twelfth Session
 - New York Resource Guide
 - UN building layout
 - Side events
3. Session documents
 - Organization of work, Provisional Agenda, Reports
 - Rule of procedure
4. Your role DURING and AFTER the Session



UN-GGIM: Objectives

A formal UN inter-governmental body :

- Reports directly to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Discusses and coordinates Geospatial Information Management activities by involving Member States at the highest level.
- Makes joint decisions and sets directions on the use of Geospatial Information within national and global policy frameworks;
- Address global issues and contribute collective knowledge as a community with shared interests and concerns
- Develops effective strategies to strengthen geospatial capacity particularly in developing countries
- To make timely, reliable and authoritative geospatial information consistently and readily available to support national, regional and global development.



The UN-GGIM Architecture

UN-GGIM Bureau:

Co-Chairs: Kingdom of Belgium, Mexico and Kingdom of Tonga

Rapporteur: Morocco

UN-GGIM Regional Committees & Chairs:

- Asia-Pacific: Australia
- Americas: Chile
- Europe: Slovenia
- Africa: Senegal
- Arab States: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



UN-GGIM Thematic Groups:

- Geospatial Societies, Academic Network, Private Sector Network, UN Geospatial Network

The UN-GGIM Bureau



Co-Chair

Ingrid Vanden Berghe
Kingdom of Belgium



Co-Chair

Paloma Merodio Gómez
Mexico



Co-Chair

Rosamond Bing
Kingdom of Tonga



Rapporteur

Kamal Outghouliast
Morocco

- The UN Committee of Experts elects three co-Chairs and a Rapporteur at the commencement of each session, from among its Members, respecting geographical balance and representation.
- The Bureau shall take on tasks as designated by the Committee

UN-GGIM Secretariat

The Committee of Experts is supported by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Geospatial Information Section of the Office of Information and Communications Technology

UN-GGIM Functional Groups

High-level Group

1. High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

Subcommittee

1. Subcommittee on Geodesy (formerly WG on Global Geodetic Reference Frame)

Expert Groups

1. Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
2. Expert Group on Land Administration and Management

Working Groups

1. Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters
2. Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management
3. Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information

Past Working Groups

1. Working Group on Development of a Statement of Shared Principles for the Management of Geospatial Information
2. Working Group on Trends in National Institutional Arrangements in Geospatial Information Management
3. Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes

Working Group of the IAEG-SDGs

Working Group on Geospatial Information



<https://ggim.un.org/UNGGIM-functional-groups/>

UN-GGIM Networks

UN-GGIM Academic Network (AN)



Support Global Geospatial Management with science and research

- a coalition of recognized universities and research and education centers with the primary objective to support the UN-GGIM by facilitating access globally to research and education capabilities in order to identify and respond to challenges and opportunities for UN-GGIM and related UN offices.
- **Website :** <http://unggim.academicnetwork.org/>

UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies (GS)



UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- a coalition of recognized international organizations involved in the coordination, development, management, standardization or regulation of geospatial information and related matters. **Website:** <https://www.fig.net/jbgis/>

UN-GGIM Private Sector Network (PSN)



- facilitates direct connection and communication for the private sector to work with Member States towards achieving success in global geospatial initiatives.
- **Website:** <http://unggim-psn.org/index.html>

United Nations Geospatial Network

- a coalition of geospatial experts from the UN System, DESA-SD and OICT-GIS is also part of the members and Secretariat.

UN-GGIM Meetings are Public

- All 6 meetings of the session will be broadcasted live on [UN Live United Nations Web TV](#)
- Interpretation available in all 6 UN languages.
- Recordings will be posted on the UN-GGIM Session webpages, after the session



Website: ggim.un.org

Twitter: [@UNGGIM](https://twitter.com/UNGGIM)

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The New York Resource Guide

The information helps to prepare you for your trip to and during your stay in New York.

It covers:

1. Administrative arrangements
2. Identification Badges and Grounds Passes
3. Visa and entry requirements
4. Secretariat Contact Information
5. Working Languages of the meeting
6. General Information
 - Meals in the UN Secretariat
 - Hotel accommodation
 - Transportation in New York
 - Other logistical information
 - Banks and Postal Services
 - Time, Weather



https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/12th-Session/documents/GGIM12_NYC_Resource_Guide_15Jun2022.pdf



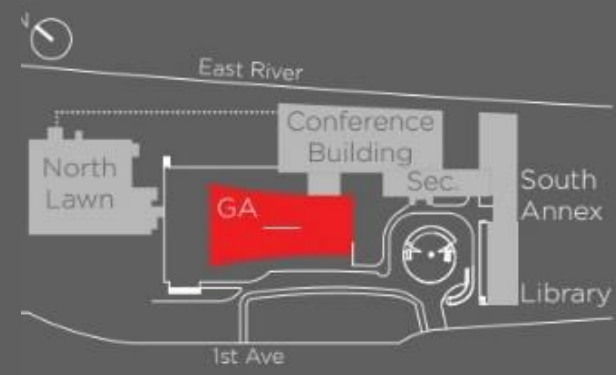
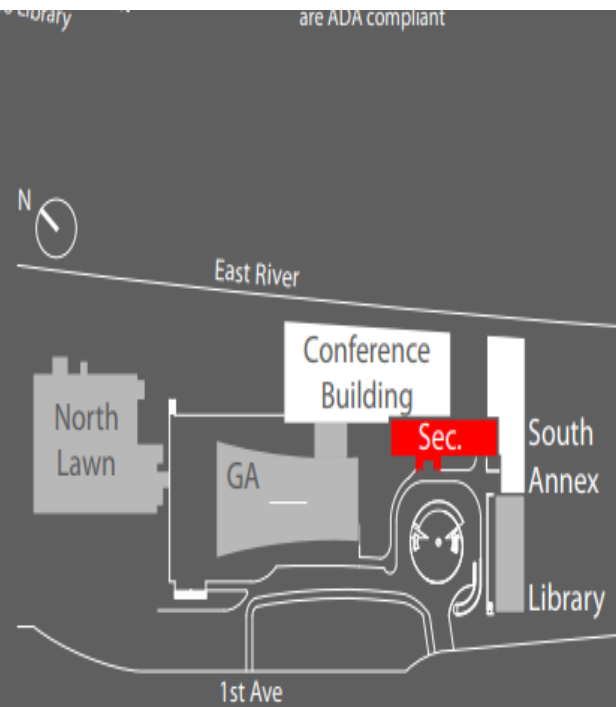
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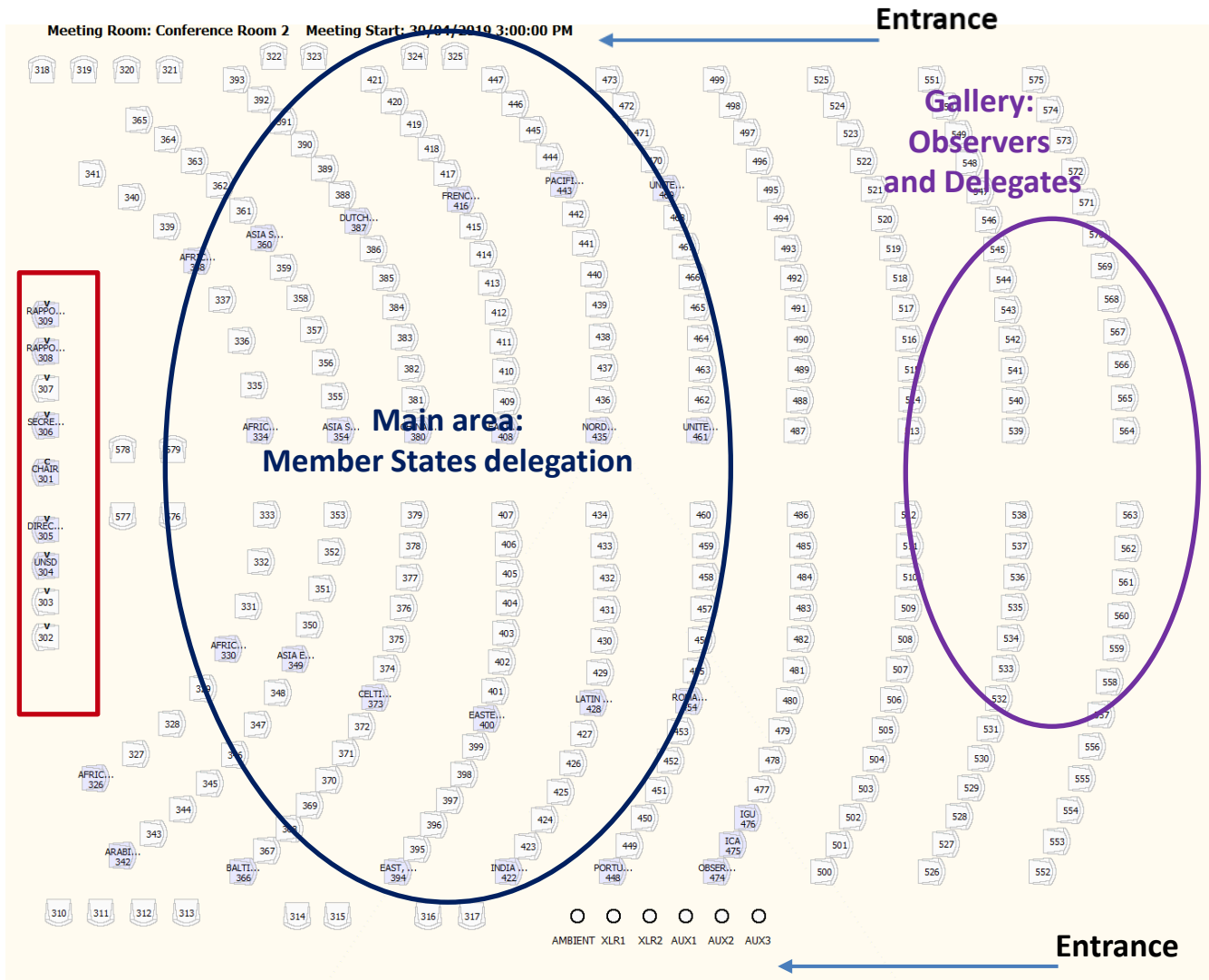
UN Conference Building Layout

Conference Room 2: Conference Building, Basement



Seating Arrangements

Podium: Co-Chairs, Conference Secretary, Secretariat



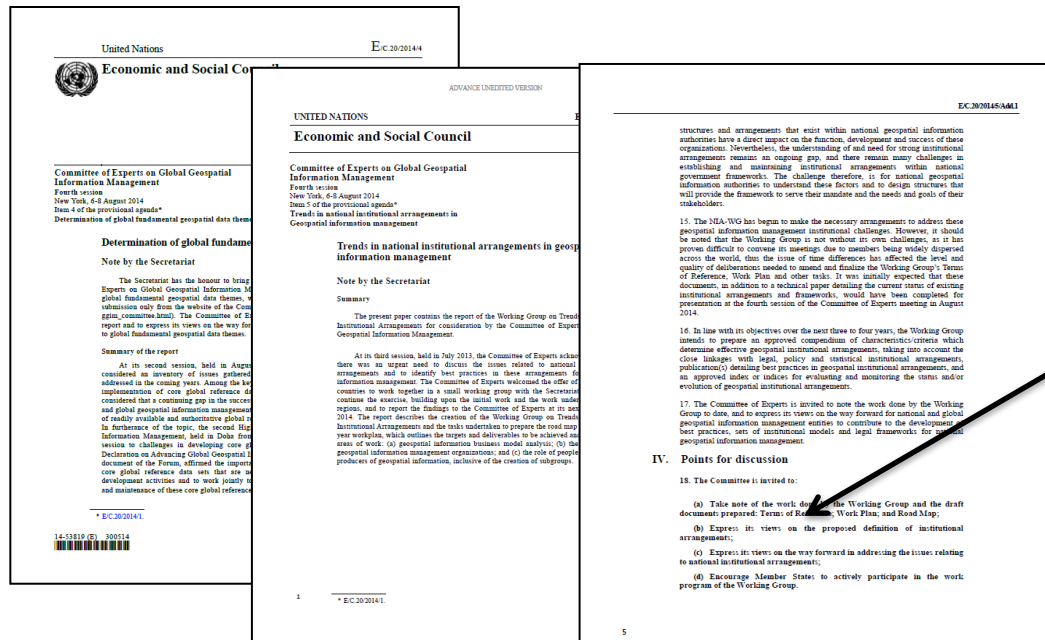
Ask Conference officers or UN-GGIM Secretariat member standing in this area for clarification on seating arrangements.

Side Events

- It is important that you refer to the [Table of Side Events](#) for schedules and updated information of events before and during the week of the session
- Identify the events you wish to attend and note the times and venues. Changes will be reflected on the web-site and shared orally during the plenary
- Regional committee meetings, experts and working group meetings, international networks **meetings may be closed (unless invited to attend)**
- **Interpretation is not provided** for side events
- There are two side event tables:
 - **A table of events** and **a detailed side event calendar** that provides downloadable side event concept notes and related documents
- The table of events is available at:
https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/12th-Session/documents/12th_UN-GGIM_Side_events_Calendar_21Jul.pdf

Reports and Background Documents

Reports and Background Documents are prepared by the expert groups, working groups and or secretariat as appropriate. They are available under the heading **MEETING DOCUMENTS** at http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html. Each document as listed, has a document number/symbol, a title and a summary. All Summaries for are available in all six official UN languages. Reports and background documents are only available in its original language, usually English.



Participants are encouraged to read all documents and note the **Points for Discussion** found in the last section of the reports.

Meeting Document Symbols



Symbol
e.g. **E/C.20/2022/1**

Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
Ninth session
New York, 7–9 August 2019
Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Strengthening of geospatial information management.
4. Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda.
5. Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.
6. Global geodetic reference frame.
7. Geospatial information for sustainable development.
8. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information.
9. Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management.
10. Marine geospatial information.
11. Geospatial information and services for disasters.
12. Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data.
13. Global fundamental geospatial data themes.
14. National institutional arrangements in global geospatial information management.
15. Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community.
16. Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.
17. Programme management report.
18. Provisional agenda and dates for the tenth session of the Committee of Experts.
19. Report of the Committee of Experts on its ninth session.

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ECOSOC

/C.20

Committee Number, assigned to UN-GGIM

/2020

Year report is to be tabled to ECOSOC

/1

Document number

Note: An informal paper or document does not carry a symbol.

There are additional symbols such as

L

Limited distribution (draft documents)

INF

Information Series (e.g. list of participants)

RS

Resolution

CRP

Conference Room Paper

Essential Documents



Symbol
e.g. E/C.20/2022/xx



Provisional Agenda
List of all items to be considered during the session with Agenda Item numbering

Organization of work
Detailed listing of Agenda Items that will be chronologically brought before the Committee of Experts for considerations

Summaries
A brief summary for each Agenda Item.

Essential Documents

E/2018/46-E/C.20/2018/19

UNITED NATIONS E/C.20/2020/INF/1



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited
17 May 2019
Original: English

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Documentation for the Session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The official languages of the United Nations are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. These will consequently be the official languages of the Committee session.
2. Technical reports will be prepared by the Secretariat or other designated authors in line with the items of the provisional agenda, as approved by the Bureau of the Committee. This technical documentation will be available in English. The reports supporting the various agenda items will be made available to delegates three weeks ahead of the start of the session, i.e. at the latest on 17 July 2019. These reports will be posted on the website of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) at: <http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/>.
3. With the items of the provisional agenda providing context, governments are invited to forward country reports on the status of their geospatial information management/activities to the UN-GGIM Secretariat at their earliest convenience. These country reports serve the purpose of exchanging practical information among Member States and support knowledge sharing. All country reports will be loaded on the Committee website. Country reports may be prepared in any of the official languages and to the extent possible, it is suggested, that each document be accompanied by a summary in English. Acronyms and abbreviations should be spelled out the first time they appear. Documents may be e-mailed to the Secretariat (see addresses below) either in Microsoft Word or portable document format (PDF).
4. Correspondence relating to the session may be addressed to the United Nations Secretariat as follows:

Documentation for the Session

Provides the overview of the documentation for the Session (e.g. language, technical reports, country reports)

United Nations

E/C.20/2018/INF/2*



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
20 August 2018
Original: English

**Eighth Session of the UN Committee of Experts on
Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)**
New York, 1-3 August 2018

List of Participants

Co-Chairs

Ms. Dorine Burmanje (The Netherlands)
Mr. Ferdinand Guy Isseri (Cameroon)
Mr. Li Pengde (China)

Rapporteur

Ms. Macarena Perez Garcia (Chile)

List of Participants

This document will have the Member States names or organization name, names of delegation and its head.



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**Report on the eight session
(1-3 August 2018)**

Economic and Social Council
Official Records, 2018
Supplement No. 26

Report of the Session

Final report submitted to Economic and Social Council AFTER the Session. During the Session, the draft decisions will be the ones posted for consultation.



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Organization of Work

■ Dates and Times of the meetings of the Committee of Experts

- Wednesday 3 August: **10:30 - 13:00**
15:00 – 18:00
- Thursday 4 August: **10:00 - 13:00**
15:00 – 18:00
- Friday 5 August: **10:00 - 13:00**
15:00 – 18:00

■ Organization of the work of the sessions:

- **19 Agenda items:**
 - ✓ 1 administrative item,
 - ✓ **17 items for consideration,**
 - ✓ 1 item for information

NOTE

- The twelfth session has six meetings
- Two meetings each day

Rules of Procedure

http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/documents/E_C.20_2020_3-1908559E.pdf

The Committee of Experts shall comprise experts from all Members States in the interrelated fields of surveying, geography, cartography and mapping, remote sensing, land/sea and geographic information systems and environmental protection designated by Governments of States Members.

A “Member” of the Committee means an expert participating in a session of the Committee of Experts who is head of delegation of a UN Member State

No member may address the Session without having previously obtained the permission of the person presiding over the Session. The person presiding over the Session shall recognize and call upon members in the order in which they signify their desire to speak.

Representatives of the specialized agencies invited to the Session may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Session, on the invitation of the person presiding over the Session, as the case may be, on questions within the scope of their activities.

Non-governmental organizations granted consultative status with ECOSOC as well as those non-governmental organizations **accredited to participate** in the Session may designate representatives to sit as **observers** at public meetings of the Session, may participate in the activities of the Session only when so invited by the Committee.

Procedures for Intervention

(1) Use the microphone and (2) apply the KISS (Keep it short and simple) principle for interventions

- Press microphone button on panel, the Chair acknowledges you based on list of speakers.
- Address the Chair, not the individual posing a question. Address the Chair by his/her correct title, **“Mr or Madam Chair/Chairman”**
- First words from delegates after being offered the floor - **“Thank you (Mr or Madam) Chairman (for giving me the floor).”** **“My delegation....,”**
- Respond only when invited by the Chair. Address delegations by - **“Distinguished experts or delegates or representatives of [name of country]”**
- Your use of the ‘correct’ forms of address is the most elementary way to show respect for the Session and the other delegates.
- Delegates must never forget that all participants come from very different cultures. Many things which are part of normal exchanges in one’s national culture may be out of place at an international environment, invite misunderstanding and give unintended offence.

YOUR Role DURING the Twelfth Session

Participants are encouraged to:

- **Visit your Permanent Mission in New York**
- Become acquainted with the UN-GGIM work items
- Actively contribute to the work of the Committee by making statements and interventions
- Share your experiences, ideas and solutions
- Be short and concise in your interventions
- Identify expert and working groups in which to participate
- **Tweet at @UNGGIM #UNGGIM**

Why it is important to actively participate:

- An ideal forum for networking
- Recharge technically and reconnect with experts
- Let your country's achievements and requirements be known
- Contribute to advancing the **GGIM global agenda**

Preparation for the UN-GGIM Report of the Twelfth Session

Delegates are encouraged to review the draft decisions and provide appropriate interventions towards the preparation of the twelfth Session Report

- At the end of each agenda item, the Secretariat summarizes the main discussion points which become part of the draft decisions.
- On Friday 5 August, the draft decisions for all agenda items will be printed and circulated for delegates to review and make interventions. This activity takes place under Item 19: Report of the Committee of Experts on its twelfth session.

YOUR role BETWEEN Sessions

Participants are encouraged to:

- Contribute to advancing the **UN-GGIM regional and national agenda**
 - Communicate nationally the decisions from the UN-GGIM Session
 - Advocate and implement nationally the policies and decisions
 - Actively engage with your Regional Committee:- activities and their working groups
- Participate in UN-GGIM meetings, forums and other activities
- Monitor the GGIM website for latest geospatial activities:
<http://ggim.un.org/default.html>
- Tweet at **@UNGGIM #UNGGIM**



WELCOME RECEPTION

Wednesday 3rd August 2022

at 18:00

**General Assembly Visitor's Lobby
(Sputnik area)**

All participants of the twelfth session are invited to attend

Hosted by

Geospatial Media and DESA-UNSD

see you there!





Thank you for joining us for this side event



[UNSD — UN-GGIM](#)

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