



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

Regional Committees of UN-GGIM

**“Working together towards cooperation and coordination of
UN-GGIM Regional Committees”**

Monday, 1 August 2022

11:30 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room 2 (CR-2, Conference building)

United Nations Headquarters, New York

CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

The five Regional Committees¹ of UN-GGIM are convening this side event to discuss their successes, share knowledge and experiences, and discuss deepening collaboration. In this regard, each regional committee will share their ambitions, work plans, practices, relevant projects, and geospatial platforms. This side event aims to facilitate networking across the regional committees, and strengthen working relationships within the individual regional committees, and together to the global UN-GGIM. The regional committees will identify clear opportunities to exchange knowledge and share experiences and discuss and address challenges. Following presentations from representatives of each regional committee, participants will discuss future collaborations, identify how to work with each other, and identify how best to streamline operations and common tasks, ensuring optimum alignment with UN-GGIM’s priorities, mandates and objectives. Through this side event, each regional committee will seek to address the following questions:

- What do you see as the key items of the UN-GGIM Global agenda that deserves priority attention in your region? What is being done to advance these priority areas?
- What would you identify as gap filling objectives and What type of quick wins do you see to stimulate the inter-regional cooperation and knowledge exchange between the Regional Committees?
- What would you like to share, what would you like to find out from the other regions? What are the successes, lessons, best practices and challenges?

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

It’s expected that the side-event will help:

- Get a better understanding of what is happening in the different regions
- Identify knowledge exchange opportunities and common challenges
- Appraise from the global UN-GGIM the ways in which the regional committees can be involved in the work and mandate of the Global groups
- Foster Networking across the regional committees, with a clear vision to strengthening working relationships across the regional committees, and with UN-GGIM
- Discover ways in which regional committees can participate in each other’s work, initiatives, and events

¹ UN-GGIM Africa, UN-GGIM Americas, UN-GGIM Arab States, UN-GGIM Asia and the Pacific, and UN-GGIM Europe

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

11:30 – 11:35 Welcome Remarks

Alvaro Monett, Statistics Division, ECLAC

11:35 – 11:40 Introductory presentation

Greg Scott, UNSD, UN-GGIM Secretariat

Introduction from the Secretariat on how they are interacting with the regional committees and how the regional committees are interacting with the experts/working groups of the global UN-GGIM agenda. Challenges, issues and benefits in the coordination and communication between regional committees. How the working groups in the global level leverage the contribution from the regional committees.

11:40 – 12:30 Moderated presentations

Moderator: Ms Carol Agius, EuroGeographics, UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat

11:40 – 11:50 **UN-GGIM: Africa** – *Mr Andre Nonguierma, Chief, GiMS Section, ECA*

11:50 – 12:00 **UN-GGIM: Américas** – *Ms Sofía Nilo, UN-GGIM: Américas Executive Secretary*

12:00 – 12:10 **UN-GGIM: Arab States** - *Eng. Asim Alghamdi, UN-GGIM: Arab States*

12:10 – 12:20 **UN-GGIM: Asia and the Pacific** – *Mr Simon Costello, President UN-GGIM-AP*

12:20 – 12:30 **UN-GGIM: Europe** – *Mr David Henderson, vice-Chair of UN-GGIM: Europe*

12:30 – 12:50 Open Discussion

Moderator: Carol Agius, EuroGeographics, UN-GGIM: Europe Secretariat

12:50 – 12:55 Closing and summary

Mr Andre Nonguierma, Chief, GiMS Section, ECA

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