



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

**United Nations Geospatial Network  
“One UN Geospatial Situation Room”**

**Monday 1 August 2022**

**1:00 - 2:25 pm**

**Venue: Conference Room 2 (CR-2, Conference Building)  
United Nations Headquarters, New York**

**CONCEPT NOTE**

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**Background**

The importance of geospatial information is evident to fulfil the responsibilities and mandates of the United Nations. Indeed, the access to timely, disaggregated, and high-quality geospatial data, and its related infrastructure and services, has become a critical success factor for the acceleration of achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Recognising this importance, at its seventh session in 2017, the Committee of Experts adopted [decision 7/115](#) which established the United Nations Geospatial Network. Further, the [composition and activities](#) of the Network were agreed during the ninth session of UN-GGIM in August 2019 by [decision 9/102](#).

The Network is a coalition of entities within the United Nations system that engage in geospatial information management. The Network’s mission is to strengthen the coordination and coherence of geospatial information management within the United Nations system, including its overarching trends, technology, practices, data, needs, capacity building, and partnerships, ultimately to promote synergies and enable the United Nations system to “Deliver as One.” The Network is represented by the senior-most professionals working in the field of geospatial information management, led by a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Steering Group. Guided by its [Blueprint](#), the Network works to strengthen geospatial information management within the United Nations system, while helping raise-awareness of UN-GGIM’s frameworks, norms and other work.

Rooted in the Network’s Strategy, in the coming years, the Network aims to implement and deploy the United Nations Geospatial Network Data Hub branded as the “One UN Geospatial Situation Room”. This will enable the United Nations system to coordinate the collection, management, use and sharing of geospatial information. Further this data hub will contribute to mainstream the importance of geospatial information and “location data” in other specialized and theme-based approach mandates driven by Member States.

The One UN Geospatial Situation Room will be built on existing data, systems and platforms across UN system and leverage existing organizational mandates, responsibilities, and capabilities. Importantly, the implementation and management of One UN Geospatial Situation Room will be guided by the global frameworks of the Committee of Experts, in particular the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF).

***“This is an open side event and all Session Attendees are invited”***

## Objectives

The Side Event will present the overall concept and priorities of the One UN Geospatial Situation Room, and how it will contribute to support the mandates of the United Nations system.

## Provisional Agenda

<b><i>Opening</i></b>	Mr Alexandre Caldas Chair of the UN Geospatial Network
<b><i>Sustainable development &amp; Climate</i></b>	United Nations Environmental Programme Mr Alexandre Caldas, Chief, Big Data Branch, Science Division
<b><i>Land Cover and Land Use</i></b>	Food and Agriculture Organization Mr Douglas Muchoney, Head of the Geospatial Unit Vice-Chair of the UN Geospatial Network
<b><i>Global Health Facilities</i></b>	World Health Organization Mr Stephen Mac Feely, Director Department of Data and Analytics
<b><i>Educational facilities and planning</i></b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Ms Amelie Gagnon, Senior Programme Specialist
<b><i>Refugees, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons</i></b>	International Organization for Migration Mr Mohamed Bakr, Geospatial Officer
<b><i>Imagery and Earth Observation</i></b>	United Nations Institute for Training and Research Mr Einar Bjørgo, Director, UNOSAT Vice Chair of the UN Geospatial Network  United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs Mr Loránt Czárán, Scientific Affairs Officer Chief UN-SPIDER Vienna
<b><i>Census and population data</i></b>	United Nations Population Fund Ms Rachel Snow, Director, Population Branch
<b><i>United Nations Maps</i></b>	United Nations Geospatial Information Section Mr Kyoung-Soo Eom, Chief of Section
<b><i>Regional node: geospatial and statistical integration</i></b>	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin Americas and the Caribbeans Mr Alvaro Monett, Geospatial Advisor
<b><i>Shared data to accelerate recovery</i></b>	United Nations Development Programme Mr Bertrand Frot, Chief of Change, Communication and Performance and Deputy Chief Information Officer
Q&A session moderated by the Chair of the UN Geospatial Network, Mr Alexandre Caldas	