



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

High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework
Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management
Advancing and Implementing the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

Tuesday, 2 August 2022

9:30 a.m. – 12:25p.m.

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

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

There is broad global consensus, support, and agreement on the critical importance of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) and its Implementation Guide as a means to develop, integrate, and strengthen national geospatial information management arrangements in Member States. In this regard, many Member States are now developing IGIF Country-level Action Plans in order to address increasingly complex national, regional, and global challenges and to support the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and other global development Agendas.

At its tenth session, the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) noted the global significance of the IGIF, which serves as a key umbrella for the many activities under the purview of the Committee, including the regional committees and thematic groups, and which could be applied to any country to guide transformational change. In making decision 10/103, the Committee of Experts endorsed the establishment of a dedicated high-level group of experts, with balanced geographical representation and expertise, as a mechanism to provide strategic leadership, coordination, and oversight to ensure the sustained success of the IGIF, and to mobilize the resources necessary to maintain the momentum and refinement of the IGIF as a continuously evolving process.

At its eleventh session, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 11/103, in which it recognized the relevance and urgency of adequately resourcing the refinement and finalization of the Implementation Guide for the IGIF, the updating of the IGIF Overarching Strategic Framework, and the completion of related resource materials to assist Member States in the development of their Country-level Action Plans as a means of strengthening national geospatial information management at the institutional level and supporting the implementation of the SDGs. The Committee of Experts also recognized the efforts by the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF) to quickly establish itself and develop an ambitious plan to provide strategic leadership and guidance. The Committee endorsed the Strategic Plan of the High-level Group and supported the three priority goals identified for immediate attention as a means for developing the High-level Group's initial Plan of Work for the next two years.

The Forum provides information on the progress and activities of the HLG-IGIF with an aim to create awareness of its Strategic Plan, Plan of Work, and associated work groups. The Forum will focus on the activities, progress, and challenges of the HLG-IGIF work groups and invite engagement from participants. Given the important role regional committees of UN-GGIM will play in advancing the IGIF, the Forum will include a panel to discuss the approaches the regional committees are taking and/or considering. The Forum will also provide an opportunity for participants to hear from Member States who are developing and implementing IGIF Country-level Action Plans, including a panel discussion with Member States who will share good practices, positive impacts and lessons learned during the Country-level Action Plan development and implementation process.

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The Forum will also introduce participants to the SDG Data Alliance. The SDG Data Alliance is using the power of purpose-driven collaboration, the IGIF, and leading GIS technology to accelerate achievement of the SDGs by creating SDG Data Hubs across developing countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Provisional Agenda

- 1. Welcome and opening statements** **9:30 – 9:40 am**
 - ❖ Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Belgium or Ms. Paloma Merodio Gomez, Mexico
Co-Chairs, UN-GGIM
 - ❖ Dr. Tulu Besha Bedada, Ethiopia and Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, United States
Co-Chairs, HLG-IGIF
- 2. The Strategic Plan and Plan of Work for the HLG-IGIF – An Overview** **9:40 – 9:55 am**
 - ❖ Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, United States
Co-Chair, HLG-IGIF
- 3. HLG-IGIF Working Groups – A Panel Discussion** **9:55 – 10:20 am**

Moderators:
Dr. Tulu Besha Bedada, Ethiopia and Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, United States
Co-Chairs, HLG-IGIF

Panelists:

 - ❖ Ms. Maroale Mimi Chauke, South Africa
 - ❖ Mr. Jamie Clark, United Kingdom
 - ❖ Mr. Mikael Lilje, Sweden
- 4. The Important Role of Regional Committees in Advancing the IGIF - A Panel Discussion** **10:20 – 11:05 am**

Moderator:
Jamie Clark, United Kingdom
Co-Lead, HLG-IGIF Work Group on Communications

Panelists: (awaiting final confirmation of panelists)

 - ❖ Regional Committee Presidents/Chairs
 - ❖ HLG-IGIF Co-Chairs
- BREAK** **11:05 – 11:15 am**
- 5. SDG Data Alliance – An Introduction and Overview** **11:15 – 11:30 am**
 - ❖ Mr. Stephen Keppel, PVB LIC Foundation
- 6. Developing IGIF Country-level Action Plans –A Moderated and Open Discussion** **11:30 – 12:15pm**

Moderator:
Mr. Tim Trainor
IGIF Strategic Advisor

Panelists:

 - ❖ Ms. Meizyanne Hicks, Fiji
 - ❖ Mr. Susheel Dangol, Nepal
 - ❖ Mr. James Norris, United Kingdom
 - ❖ Mr. Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu, Germany
- 7. Wrap up and Close** **12:15 – 12:25pm**
 - ❖ Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, United States and Dr. Tulu Besha Bedada, Ethiopia
Co-Chairs, HLG-IGIF

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