



**12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee of Experts  
On Global Geospatial Information Management**  
“Positioning geospatial information to address global challenges”

## Side Event Summary

### Date, Time, Conference room

9:00am – 10:25am, August 3, 2022, CR-A

### Side event title

Trustful and Ethical Use of Geospatial Data: the Role of Academics

### Number of Attendees

27

### Moderator(s): (Name, Job title, Organisation)

Dr. Maria Antonia Brovelli, Chair of the UN-GGIM Academic Network, Professor, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

### Speakers: (Name, Job title, Organisation)

Dr. Georg Gartner, Professor, TU Wien, Austria (Member, Advisory Board, UN-GGIM Academic Network)

Ms. Paloma Merodio, Vice President, INEGI, Mexico (Co-Chair, UN-GGIM)

Dr. Rosario Casanova, Universidad de la República, Uruguay (Regional Representative, UN-GGIM Academic Network)

Dr. Joep Crompvoets, Professor, KU Leuven, Belgium (Member, Advisory Board, UN-GGIM Academic Network)

### Organized by:

UN-GGIM Academic Network

### Objective(s) of the event: (1-2 paragraphs)

This side event aimed at getting together the Academic Network members, key people from UN-GGIM regional committees and working groups, and other interested participants to explore gaps, challenges and opportunities facing geospatial data trust and ethical use of them. The main objectives of the event included:

- Share experiences on incorporating trust and ethical use in geospatial information management;
- Discuss what is needed and what is urgent for better addressing the related issues, and how the Academic Network can contribute; and
- Explore the role of academics in promoting trust in geospatial data and its ethical use.

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## Key messages:

The event was well attended with three presentations followed by well-engaged discussions. The presentations covered some important aspects of the event topic, including trustfulness in geospatial data and its visualization, ethical use of geospatial information and results of a recent survey on the status of education about ethical use of and trust in geospatial data. There have been some ongoing and scattered efforts on exploring the issues related to the ethical use of and trust in geospatial data, however, the participants agreed that more coordinated effort is needed to better promote dialogues, investigations, and debates on these issues. The UN-GGIM Academic Network is in a good position in leading part of this effort. The side event also concluded that future work should focus on development of public lectures and seminars (including online teaching videos and follow-up evaluations), providing online materials through the UN-GGIM Academic Network, setting up exemplary use cases, and development of guidelines to support the inclusion of the related topics in curricula.

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