



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

Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management

SIDE EVENT AND OPEN MEETING

“Resource to facilitate data sharing and exchange; and conversation regarding considerations and issues pertaining to authoritative data”

Thursday, 4 August 2022

1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Conference Room - 2 (Conference building)

Background

Appropriate policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management can assist in ensuring that geospatial information is timely, shared, and integrated with necessary data. Furthermore, policy and legal frameworks can proactively support the development of effective and integrated geospatial information management so that decisions deliver public good in a more efficient way. The goal for any well working policy and legal framework for geospatial information management is to maximize the utility of geospatial information whilst safeguarding a country or agency against potential business and security risks. The United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) includes and advocates for sound and robust policy and legal frameworks, as the second of nine strategic pathways, to achieve the goals around enriched societal value and benefits, effective geospatial information management, and an economic return on investment.

The Working Group’s activities continue to: i) focus on real-world situations, address real-world problems, develop practical solutions, and apply the approaches and exercises piloted and developed to arrive at solutions; ii) support the implementation of the IGIF at country-level as a means to address real-world and complex policy and legal issues; and iii) focus on authoritative data, authority and custodianship, collaboratively exploring the different ways in which authoritativeness is understood in different domains and contexts.

This Side Event will present two work plan items:

- Policy and legal resource kit (draft legal instruments - agreement, policy, legislation) as reference or resource materials that Member States can consider, adapt, and tailor to their national (or sub-national) circumstances when implementing the IGIF. The objective of this resource is to promote data sharing and exchange, and improve the availability, accessibility, and usability of geospatial information.
 - *Delegates are encouraged to consult these resources and share with technical, policy and legal experts in their respective domains and countries.*
- A paper-in-progress on authoritative data that collaboratively explores the different ways in which authoritativeness is understood and applied.
 - *Delegates are welcomed to provide their perspectives on the meaning and application of authoritative data, as well as identify information gaps and policy/legal considerations.*



Provisional Agenda

13:15-13:30

1. Welcome, opening statements and setting-the-scene

Moderator:

Ms. Kristine Hirschhorn (*Natural Resources Canada / Chair Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management*)

13:30 – 14:00

2. Overview of resource to facilitate data sharing and exchange: the Policy and Legal Resource Kit

Presenter:

Mr. Kevin Pomfret (*Centre for Spatial Law and Policy*)

14:00-14:15

3. Update and discussion on paper exploring considerations and issues pertaining to authoritative data

Presenter:

Ms. Kristine Hirschhorn (*Natural Resources Canada / Chair Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management*)

14:15-14:30

4. Moderated open discussion and close

Moderator:

Ms. Kristine Hirschhorn (*Natural Resources Canada / Chair Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management*)

This side event and open meeting is open to all participants of the Twelfth Session

