

**Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
Thirteenth session, 2 – 4 August 2023**

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Agenda item #15. Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community

Wednesday, 2 August 2023

Dear Chair and Colleagues,

On behalf of OGC, IHO and ISO TC 211, I am pleased to introduce our latest report on implementing and adopting standards for the global geospatial information community.

With the full return to face-to-face meetings, the global community has accelerated its work providing practical and clearly demonstrable standards-based implementations for critical domains such as climate, disasters, marine and the built environment. The community is clearly working harder than ever, and we thank our stakeholders and member representatives for investing time and resources.

The working relationship between the three organizations and this committee acts as an exemplar of a partnership, with UN-GGIM providing the “why”, IHO and ISO the “what” and the OGC the “How to”, all guided by the FAIR principles.

I encourage the committee to take a close look at the report which provides details on how the global community is working to improve, amongst other things, our ability to;

- Connect data and platforms increasingly across regions
- Unlock the value of the now massive quantities of new data sources
- Take advantage of leading-edge technologies
- Access improved capacity-building knowledge
- Support Operational Policy requirements for various socioeconomic requirements

Significant challenges still need to be solved, particularly in connecting data and information about the land, coastal regions, oceans, and atmosphere, to name a few.

We encourage members of this committee to bring requirements to, and actively participate in, the work of the community, especially those regions and countries facing significant vulnerability.

Examples of ways to participate include attendance at:

- The upcoming OGC Meetings co-located with the Singapore Geospatial Festival, from September 25 to 29th
- The upcoming ISO TC/211 meetings hosted by India, in New Delhi, early December
- And, for those delegates who are also IHO members, a vibrant set of meetings leading up to the end of the year.

Thank you for your time.

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