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### Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the expert group on land administration and management, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-Session>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the work and progress of the expert group, including efforts to advocate, raise awareness of and promote the implementation of the Framework for Effective Land Administration.

### Summary of the report

At its twelfth session, held from 3 to 5 August 2022, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 12/109, in which it reaffirmed that, for land administration to be effective, it must be fit for purpose, appropriate and adequate, interoperable, sustainable, flexible and inclusive, and must have the capacity to accelerate efforts to document, record, recognize and monitor the relationships between people and land in all its forms. The Committee appreciated the leadership transition and affirmed the continuing focus of the expert group on promoting and raising awareness of the merits and benefits of effective land administration, for which the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework is used as a reference resource, and the roles of effective land administration in the area of climate change and the integration of the terrestrial, maritime and cadastral domains. In addition, the Committee encouraged the expert group to collaborate with other functional groups of the Committee of Experts, such as the working group on policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management, and to continue to work with relevant international organizations.

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The Committee of Experts noted that the expert group had begun to consider an inventory of issues to be covered in its new workplan. The workplan builds upon ongoing work from the previous workplans and places emphasis on the implementation of the Framework for Effective Land Administration at the country level, where national circumstances will require further elaboration and adaptation of the Framework to meet each country's needs. The Committee welcomed the understanding that effective land administration should be addressed within an "ecosystem" and "interconnected domains".

In the report, the expert group provides information on its activities during the intersessional period, including progress on its consideration of the inventory of issues and thus the areas of focus for the group going forward. The issues are: (a) leadership, promoting and raising awareness of the merits and benefits of effective land administration including the role of effective land administration within the area of climate resilience, and sustainable development; (b) the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the Framework for Effective Land Administration at the country level, including to address effective land administration within an "ecosystem" or "interconnected domains"; (c) the integration of the terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains; and (d) collaborating with other functional groups of the Committee of Experts and working closely with relevant international organizations to further anchor the Framework for Effective Land Administration in the broad programme of work of the Committee. Additional issues related to the integration of the terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains included rights, restrictions and responsibilities associated with land; digital and mobile access to land information; cybersecurity and data security mechanisms needed to protect vital land information; and integrated information on land tenure, land value, land development, land use and land use change.

In the report, the expert group provides details of its new workplan for the period 2023–2025, which was adopted by group at its thirteenth virtual meeting on 21 February 2023. The workplan defines its plans, activities and deliverables within 11 scopes of work under five focus areas. The focus areas are: leadership and advocacy; promoting and encouraging the implementation of the Framework for Effective Land Administration at the country level; integration of terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains; innovation in land administration and management to strengthen resilience and sustainability; and engagement and collaboration, including to further anchor the Framework in the programme of work for United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management. In its workplan, the group proposes to organize two in-person expert meetings that will be convened with the third and fourth edition of the International Seminar on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management with the theme "Effective land administration", in early 2024 and in 2025, respectively, with the latter meeting and seminar to be hosted by Singapore. Through the workplan, the group seeks to strengthen collaboration with the working group on policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management and the working group on marine geospatial information and to strengthen coordination and cooperation with international standards development organizations and other relevant international organizations and centres.