

Authoritative Data in an Evolving Geospatial Landscape: An Exploration of Policy and Legal Challenges

Tuesday, 1st August

11:30 – 12:45 pm (Conference Room 3)

Provisional agenda:

- 1) Welcome, agenda and organization of the side event (5 minutes)
- 2) Part I - Presentation of Authoritative Data Paper (25 minutes):
“Authoritative Data in an Evolving Geospatial Landscape: An Exploration of Policy and Legal Challenges”
- 3) Part II - Panel discussion on Authoritative Data Paper follow-on activity (25 minutes): “Fit-for-purpose authoritative geospatial data for crisis”
- 4) Open discussion (20 minutes)



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Agenda #2: Paper “Authoritative Data in an Evolving Geospatial Landscape: An Exploration of Policy and legal Challenges”

Presenters: Madeleine Martin, Yassen Atallah



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Reminder of original tasking by the Committee of Experts:

- Explore and identify policy and legal challenges related to authoritative data, authority and custodianship, **including experiences and practices to address crisis** and based on one or several real-world problems; explain and develop practical solutions leveraging the IGIF and its implementation guide.
- **Address issues identified in making geospatial data available, accessible and integrated for crisis, e.g. for the Covid-19 pandemic response and recovery.**



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Draft outline, for discussion:

- **Background/context:**
 - Clarify **types of data** needed for crisis/disaster
 - Identify the **primary sources/providers**– including public sector, private sector, academia, civil society, Indigenous
 - Clarify **what makes data ‘fit for purpose’** for crisis/disasters
 - Across crisis / disaster events and/or specific to types of events
- **Examine policy and legal considerations** that provide for availability, accessibility, sharing and integration of fit-for-purpose geospatial data, in near real time
- **Reflect on institutional arrangements, notably governance**, that allows infrastructure and systems to deliver at the particular time of need



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Foundational documents and resources:

- Ready to Respond: The Role of the Geospatial Community in Responding to COVID-19
- WG deliverable 2020: Legal aspects of availability of geospatial information - white paper [based on a crisis use case]
- UN-GGIM Fundamental geospatial data themes (note: buildings and settlements, orthoimagery identified as key for disaster preparedness/assessment)
- Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters



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Panelists:

- **Mr. Eric Loubier**, Director General, Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation, Natural Resources, Canada
- **Prof. Muh Aris Marfai**, Head, Indonesian Geospatial Information Agency
- **Yana Gevorgyan**, GEO Secretariat Director
- **Mr. Kevin Pomfret**, Executive Director, Centre for Spatial Law and Policy
- **Alan Mills**, Programme Development Coordinator, MapAction



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Discussion questions

- From your country’s/organizations’ perspective, what are the merits for this follow-on activity? Is it needed? If needed, why?
- What content / topics would you propose for inclusion in the outcome paper for this follow-on activity?
 - To what extent do we address ‘readiness’ broadly speaking, versus readiness for particular crises/disasters?
 - How much of a focus is required on COVID-19?



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REMINDER: Open meeting

- Open Meeting of the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management
- Day and date: Wednesday, 2 August 2023
- Time: 13:15 p.m. to 14:30 p.m.
- Venue: Conference Room A

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Wednesday, 2 August

10:00 a.m.				
11:30 a.m.	First Meeting of the Thirteenth Session			
13:00 p.m.				
13:15 p.m.	Side Event "Operational Framework for Integrated Marine Geospatial Information Management"	Meeting of UN-GGIM: Americas (by invitation only)	Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP (by invitation only)	Open Meeting of the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management
14:30 p.m.				
15:00 p.m.				
16:30 p.m.	Second Meeting of the Thirteenth Session			
18:00 p.m.				