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**Thirteenth Session of the United Nations
Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial
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INTRODUCTION SESSION to the Committee of Experts

**Tuesday 1 August 2023
16:45-18:00**

Conference Room 3



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Your Speakers



Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the Statistics Division (SD)

Joined the SD in 1989 in the area of national accounting. He has worked in areas such as statistical capacity building, and indicator frameworks. He was also responsible for external relationships of the Division. He has been the substantive secretary of three intergovernmental bodies, the United Nations Statistical Commission since 2002, the UN-GGIM since 2011 and UNGEGN.



Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Director National Geographic Institute, Belgium Co-Chair UN-GGIM

graduated as an agricultural engineer at KULeuven, specialized in soil science. Appointed as General Administrator of the National Geographic Institute in 2002. She was President of EuroGeographics from 2012 to 2018 and is a member of the board of several research organizations, chair of the board of the technology research organization VITO and visiting professor at KULeuven.



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WELCOME to the Thirteenth Session

- The **UN-GGIM Secretariat and Bureau** welcome you to New York, the United Nations and the **Thirteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)**.
- This presentation aims to introduce participants who are attending the annual session of the Committee of Experts for the first time, to the formal procedures of a United Nations inter-governmental meeting.
- We hope that this presentation will assist first-time participants to have a productive and rewarding week at the United Nations headquarters.



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What is important to know

1. UN-GGIM - Objectives, Architecture and Work
2. Overview of thirteenth Session
 - New York Resource Guide
 - UN building layout
 - Side events
3. Session documents
 - Organization of work, Provisional Agenda, Reports
 - Rules of procedure
4. Your role DURING and AFTER the Session



UN-GGIM: Objectives

A formal UN inter-governmental body :

- Reports directly to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Discusses and coordinates Geospatial Information Management activities by involving Member States at the highest level.
- Makes joint decisions and sets directions on the use of Geospatial Information within national and global policy frameworks;
- Address global issues and contribute collective knowledge as a community with shared interests and concerns
- Develops effective strategies to strengthen geospatial capacity particularly in developing countries
- Makes timely, reliable and authoritative geospatial information consistently and readily available to support national, regional and global development.



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ECOSOC System



RESEARCH AND TRAINING

- UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- UNIDIR** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
- UNU** United Nations University

AD HOC BODIES

- Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

RELATED BODIES

- Committee for the UN Population Award
- International Narcotics Control Board
- Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UN Nutrition

FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
- UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-Habitat** United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

OTHER ENTITIES

- ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
- UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- UNCTAD** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNISDR** United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNOPS** United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNRWA** United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-Women** United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
- WTO** World Trade Organization

FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS

- Statistical Commission
- Commission on Population and Development
- Commission for Social Development
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Commission on Narcotic Drugs
- Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Commission on Science and Technology for Development
- United Nations Forum on Forests

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

- ECA** Economic Commission for Africa
- ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ESCWA** Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

EXPERT BODIES COMPOSED OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS

- Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
- Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting
- United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
- United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

EXPERT BODIES COMPOSED OF MEMBERS SERVING IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY

- Committee for Development Policy
- Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ILO** International Labour Organization
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization
- UPU** Universal Postal Union
- WHO** World Health Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- WMO** World Meteorological Organization

WORLD BANK GROUP

- IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- IDA** International Development Association
- IFC** International Finance Corporation

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Committee for Programme and Coordination
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

HLPF

High-level political forum on sustainable development

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The UN-GGIM Architecture

UN-GGIM Bureau:

Co-Chairs: Kingdom of Belgium, Mexico and (TBD at start of 13th session)

Rapporteur: (TBD at start of 13th session)

UN-GGIM Regional Committees & Chairs:

- Asia-Pacific: Indonesia
- Americas: Chile
- Europe: Slovenia
- Africa: South Africa
- Arab States: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



UN-GGIM Thematic Groups:

- Geospatial Societies, Academic Network, Private Sector Network, UN Geospatial Network



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The UN-GGIM Bureau



Co-Chair

Ingrid Vanden Berghe
Kingdom of Belgium



Co-Chair

Paloma Merodio Gómez
Mexico

Co-Chair

TBD

Rapporteur

TBD

- The UN Committee of Experts elects three co-Chairs and a Rapporteur at the commencement of each session, from among its Members, respecting geographical balance and representation.
- The Bureau shall take on tasks as designated by the Committee

UN-GGIM Secretariat

The Committee of Experts is supported by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Geospatial Information Section of the Office of Information and Communications Technology



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UN-GGIM Functional Groups

High-level Group

1. High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

Subcommittee

1. Subcommittee on Geodesy (formerly WG on Global Geodetic Reference Frame)

Expert Groups

1. Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
2. Expert Group on Land Administration and Management

Working Groups

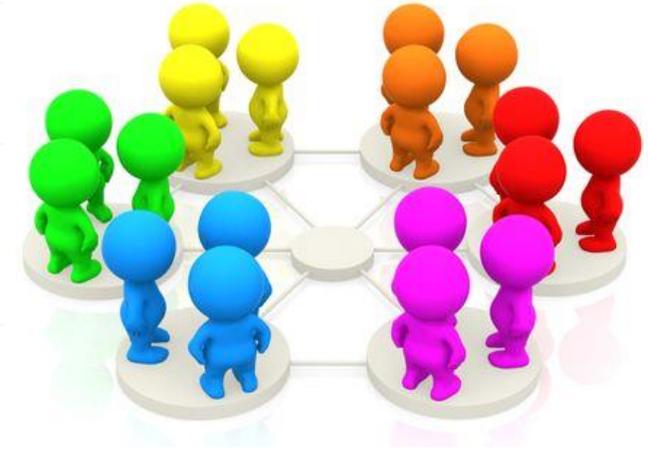
1. Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters
2. Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management
3. Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information

Past Working Groups

1. Working Group on Development of a Statement of Shared Principles for the Management of Geospatial Information
2. Working Group on Trends in National Institutional Arrangements in Geospatial Information Management
3. Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes

Working Group of the IAEG-SDGs

Working Group on Geospatial Information



<https://ggim.un.org/UNGGIM-functional-groups/>



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UN-GGIM Thematic Networks

UN-GGIM Academic Network (AN)



Support Global Geospatial Management with science and research

- a coalition of recognized universities and research and education centers with the primary objective to support the UN-GGIM by facilitating access globally to research and education capabilities in order to identify and respond to challenges and opportunities for UN-GGIM and related UN offices.
- **Website :** <http://unggim.academicnetwork.org/>

UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies (GS)



UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- a coalition of recognized international organizations involved in the coordination, development, management, standardization or regulation of geospatial information and related matters. **Website:** <http://www.fig.net/unggimgs/>

UN-GGIM Private Sector Network (PSN)



- facilitates direct connection and communication private sector to work with Member States towards achieving success in global geospatial initiatives.
- **Website:** <http://unggim-psn.org/index.html>

United Nations Geospatial Network

- a coalition of geospatial experts from the UN System, DESA-SD and OICT-GIS is also part of the members and Secretariat. <https://www.un.org/geospatialnetwork/>



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UN-GGIM Meetings are Public

- All 6 meetings of the session will be broadcasted live on [UN Live United Nations Web TV](#)
- Interpretation available in all 6 UN languages.
- Recordings will be posted on the UN-GGIM Session webpages, after the session



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The New York Resource Guide

The information helps to prepare you for your trip to and during your stay in New York.

It covers:

1. Administrative arrangements for the session
2. Languages
3. Website
4. Identification Badges and Grounds Passes
5. Visa and entry requirements
6. Meals in the UN Secretariat
7. Hotel accommodation
8. Transportation in New York
9. Other logistical information
 - Post office, Banks, Money, Time, Weather, Medical Services
10. Power Point presentations
11. Contact Information



https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-Session/documents/NYC_Resource_Guide_Thirteenth_session_13Jun2023.pdf



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Twelfth Session of the
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UN Conference Building Layout

Conference Room 3: General Assembly Building, Basement



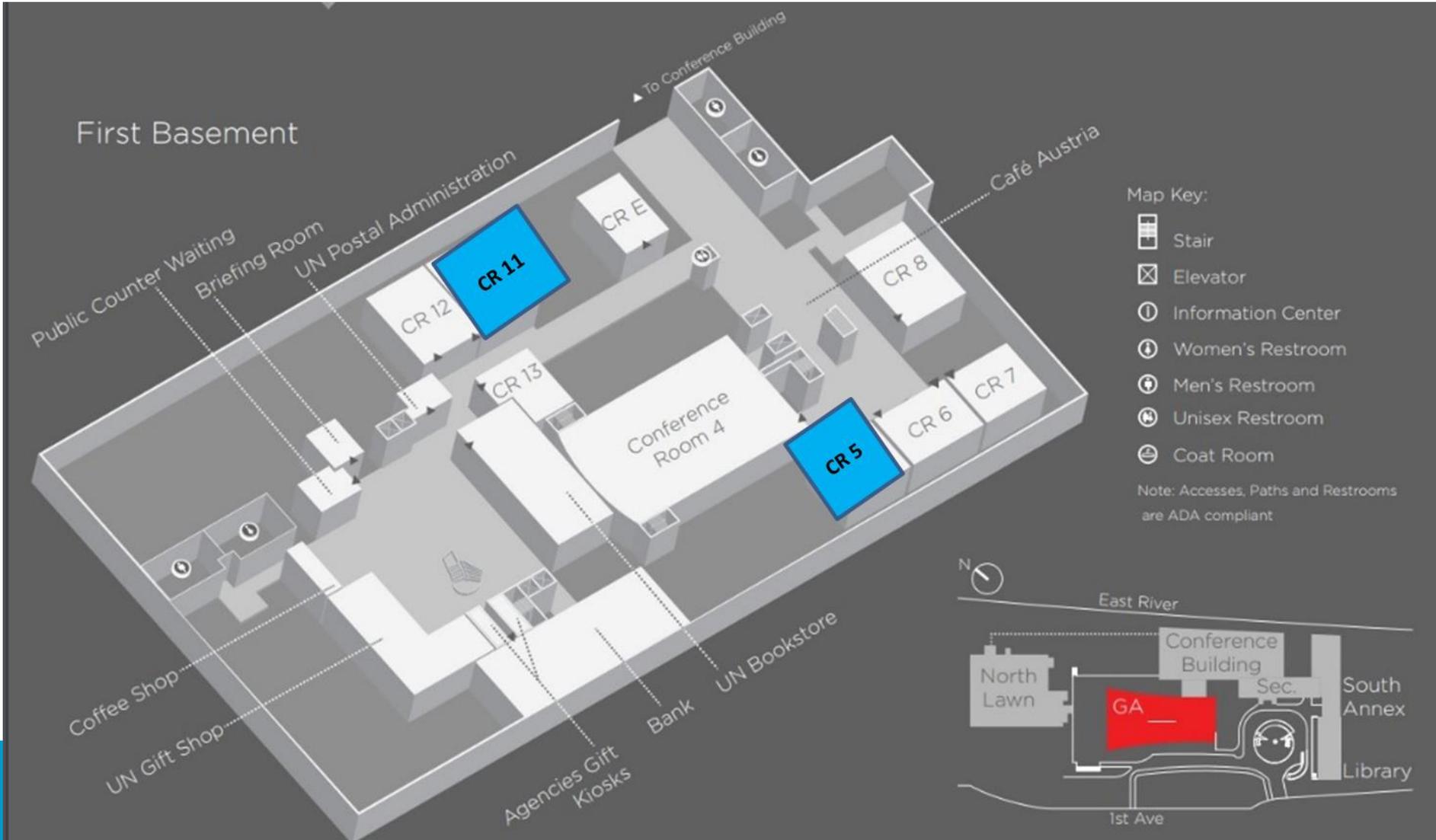
**Side Event
Conference Room A**

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Week | 31 July - 4 August 2023

UN Conference Building Layout

General Assembly Building, Basement



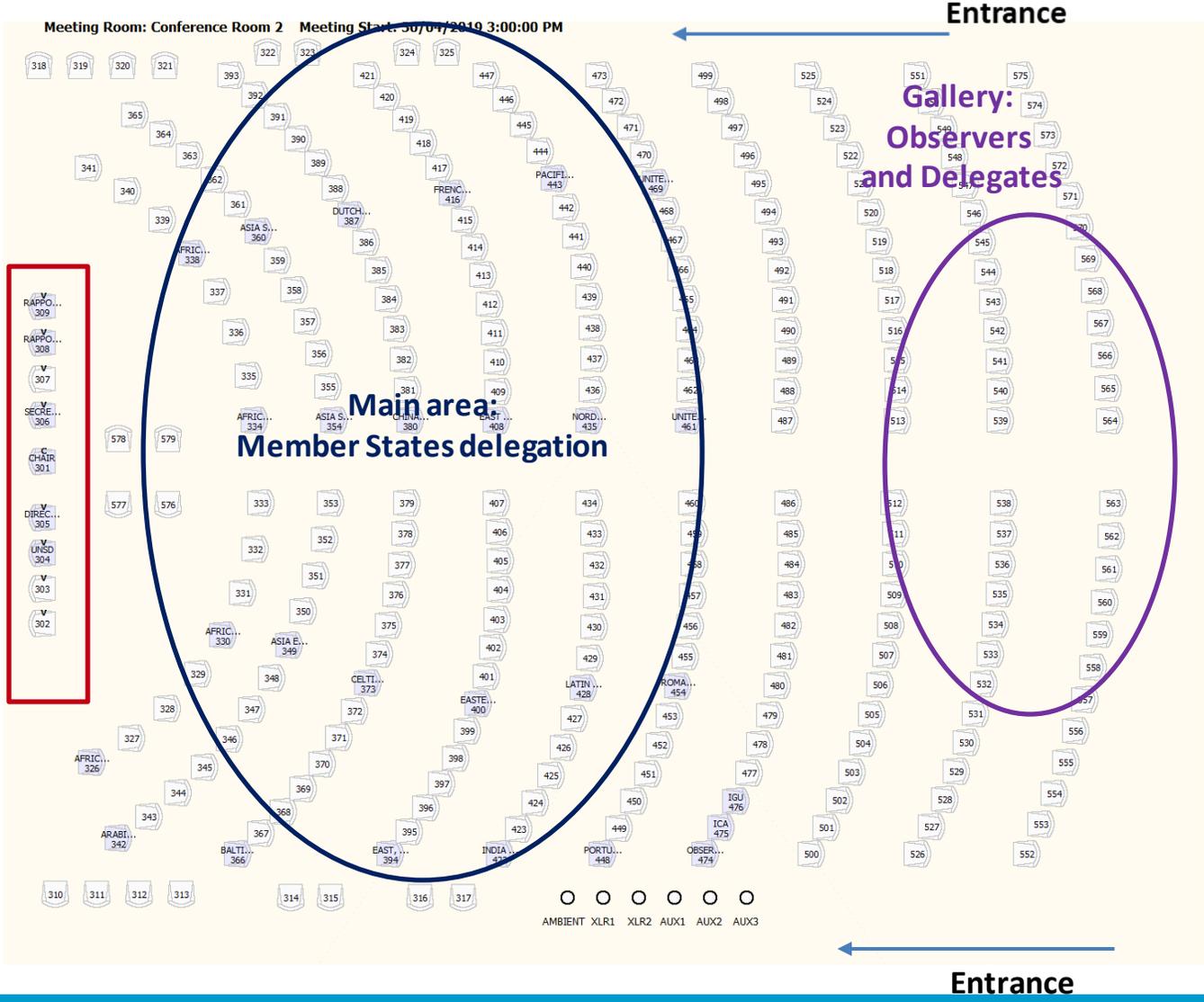
Side Event
Conference Rooms:
5 and 11

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Seating Arrangements

Podium: Co-Chairs, Conference Secretary, Secretariat



Seating is arranged by country name in alphabetical order.

Observers – international professional organizations, academia and the private sector are seated in the gallery.

If you do not find your country name plate, please ask a Conference officer or UN-GGIM Secretariat staff for clarification on seating arrangements.



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Side Events

- It is important that you refer to the [Side Event Calendar](#) for schedules and updated information of events during the week of the session
- Identify the events you wish to attend and note the times and venues. Changes will be reflected on the web-site and shared orally during the plenary.
- Regional committee meetings, experts and working group meetings, international networks **meetings may be closed (unless invited to attend)**
- **Interpretation is not provided** for side events.
- The table of events is available at:
https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-Session/side_event/Side_event_calendar_18July.pdf



Committee of Experts sessions

The proceedings of all intergovernmental bodies are bound by their established rules of procedure,
The Committee of Experts sessions are structured into three distinctive stages

Organizational

Elections of the Bureau, programme of work and timetable

General debate/ Thematic discussion

General debate on all items under consideration for the session. Delegations make group statements and statements in their national capacity as per the programme of work on the agenda and report under consideration.

Action on all draft decisions

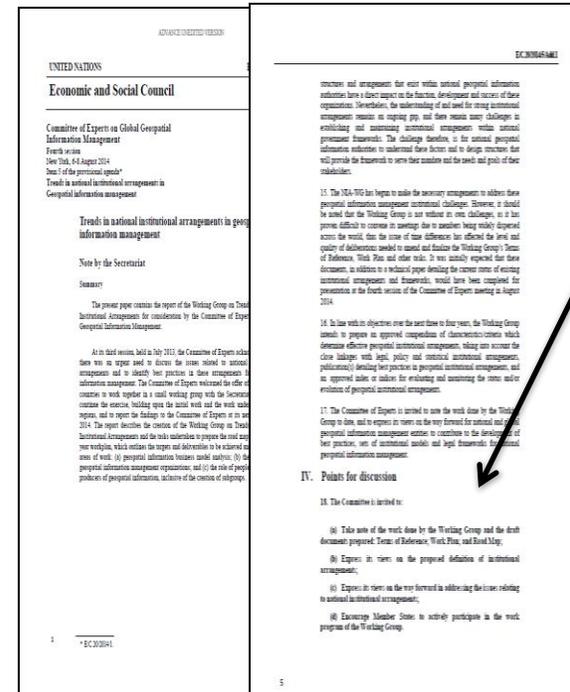
The Committee is guided by the Informal Papers issued by the UN-GGIM Secretariat which contains the draft resolutions and decisions on which action is taken each day during the action phase e.g. Informal Paper from 13th session.

A draft provisional programme of work and timetable for the next year, is issued as a conference room paper, and circulated for the Committee's consideration and action.



Reports and Background Documents

- Reports and Background Documents are prepared by the expert groups, working groups and or secretariat as appropriate.
- They are available under the heading **MEETING DOCUMENTS** at <https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-Session/documents/>.
- Each document as listed, has a document number/symbol, a title and a summary.
- All Summaries for are available in all six official UN languages.
- Reports and background documents are only available in its original language, usually English.



Participants are encouraged to read all documents and note the **Points for Discussion** found in the last section of the reports.



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Meeting Document Symbols

United Nations



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
25 April 2023

Original: English

E/C.20/2023/1

Symbol
e.g. **E/C.20/2023/1**

E/C.20/2023/1

E ECOSOC
/C.20 Committee Number, assigned to UN-GGIM
/2023 Year report is to be tabled to ECOSOC
/1 Document number

Note: An informal paper or document does not have a symbol.

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Thirteenth session
New York, 2–4 August 2023
Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda for the thirteenth session

There are additional symbols such as

L Limited distribution (draft documents)
INF Information Series (e.g. list of participants)
RS Resolution
CRP Conference Room Paper



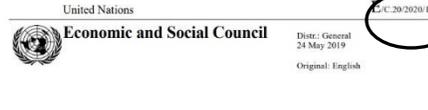
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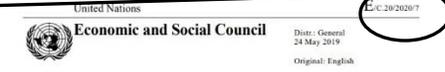
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Essential Documents



E/C.20/2020/1

Symbol
e.g. E/C.20/2023/xx



E/C.20/2020/7



Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/Time	Agenda item and description	Proposed time to be spent on each item (minutes)
Wednesday, 7 August		
10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Opening of the session	60
	Item 1 Election of officers	
	Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
	<i>For discussion</i>	
	Provisional agenda (E/C.20/2020/1)	
	Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/C.20/2020/3)	
	Rules of procedure (E/C.20/2020/3)	
	Item 3 Strengthening of geospatial information management	45
	<i>For discussion</i>	
	Note by the Secretariat on the strengthening of geospatial information management (E/C.20/2020/4)	
	Item 4 Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda	45
	<i>For discussion</i>	
	Note by the Secretariat on the contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda (E/C.20/2020/5)	
3-6 p.m.	Item 4 Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda (continued)	120
	<i>For discussion</i>	
	Note by the Secretariat on the contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda (E/C.20/2020/5)	
	Item 5 Integrated Geospatial Information Framework	60
	<i>For discussion</i>	



Provisional Agenda

List of all items to be considered during the session with Agenda Item numbering

Organization of work

Detailed listing of Agenda Items that will be chronologically brought before the Committee of Experts for consideration

Summaries

A brief summary for each Agenda Item.



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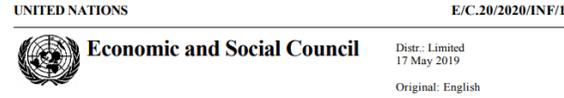
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Essential Documents

E/2018/46-E/C.20/2018/19



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Documentation for the Session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The official languages of the United Nations are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. These will consequently be the official languages of the Committee session.
2. Technical reports will be prepared by the Secretariat or other designated authors in line with the items of the provisional agenda, as approved by the Bureau of the Committee. This technical documentation will be available in English. The reports supporting the various agenda items will be made available to delegates three weeks ahead of the start of the session, i.e. at the latest on 17 July 2019. These reports will be posted on the website of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) at: <http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/>.
3. With the items of the provisional agenda providing context, governments are invited to forward country reports on the status of their geospatial information management/activities to the UN-GGIM Secretariat at their earliest convenience. These country reports serve the purpose of exchanging practical information among Member States and support knowledge sharing. All country reports will be loaded on the Committee website. Country reports may be prepared in any of the official languages and to the extent possible, it is suggested, that each document be accompanied by a summary in English. Acronyms and abbreviations should be spelled out the first time they appear. Documents may be e-mailed to the Secretariat (see addresses below) either in Microsoft Word or portable document format (PDF).
4. Correspondence relating to the session may be addressed to the United Nations Secretariat as follows:

Documentation for the Session

Provides the overview of the documentation for the Session (e.g. language, technical reports, country reports)



Eighth Session of the UN Committee of Experts on
Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)
New York, 1-3 August 2018

List of Participants

- Co-Chairs*
Ms. Dorine Burmanje (The Netherlands)
Mr. Ferdinand Guy Isseri (Cameroun)
Mr. Li Pengde (China)
- Rapporteur*
Ms. Macarena Perez Garcia (Chile)

List of Participants

This document will have the Member States names or organization name, names of delegation and its head.



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Report on the eight session
(1-3 August 2018)

Economic and Social Council
Official Records, 2018
Supplement No. 26

Report of the Session
Final report submitted to Economic and Social Council AFTER the Session. During the Session, the draft decisions will be the ones posted for consultation.



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Organization of Work

■ Dates and Times of the meetings of the Committee of Experts

- Wednesday 2 August: **10:30 - 13:00**
15:00 – 18:00
- Thursday 3 August: **10:00 - 13:00**
15:00 – 18:00
- Friday 4 August: **10:00 - 13:00**
15:00 – 18:00

NOTE

- The thirteenth session has six meetings
- Two meetings each day

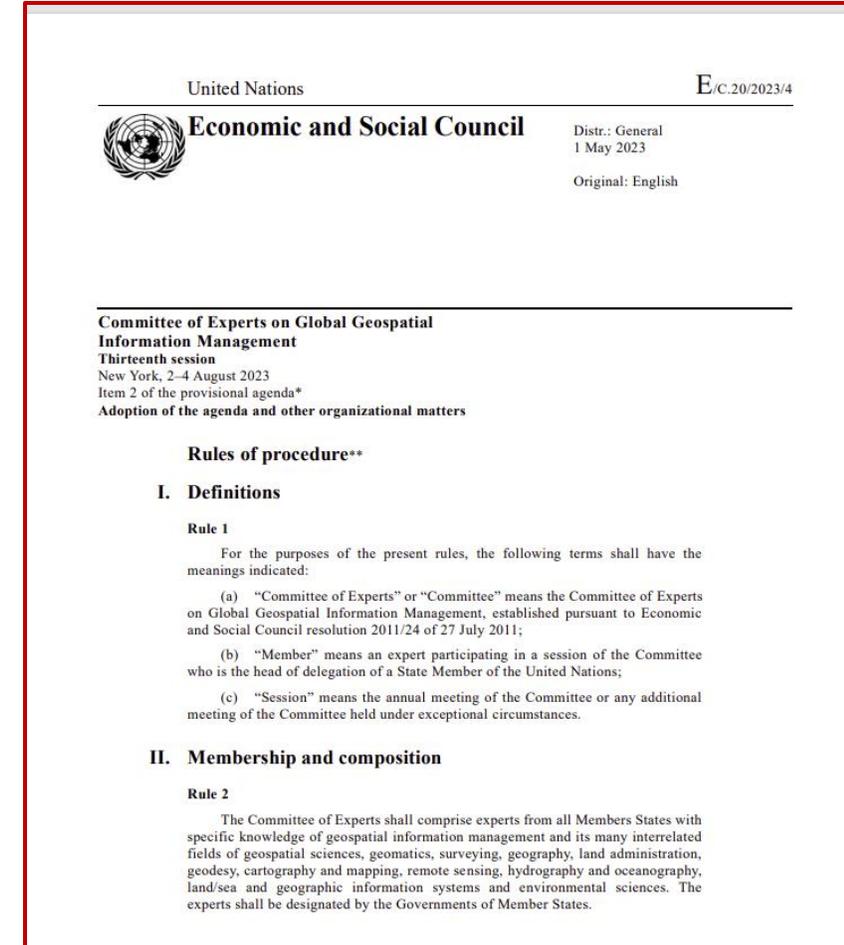
■ Organization of the work of the sessions:

- **19 Agenda items:**
 - ✓ 1 administrative item,
 - ✓ **13 items for discussion and decision,**
 - ✓ 4 items for information and discussion
 - ✓ 1 item for discussion



The Rules of Procedure

1. Definitions, Rule 1
2. Membership, Rules 2-6
3. Officers, Rules 7 -9
4. Secretariat, Rules 10-12
5. Conduct of Business, Rules 13-24
6. Voting, Rules 25 – 34
7. Official and working languages, Rules 35-36
8. Sound Recordings, Rules 37-38
9. Observers, Rules 39-42
10. Amendments, Rule 43



Rules of Procedure – Members of the Committee of Experts

https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-Session/documents/E_C20_2023_4_e.pdf

The Committee of Experts shall comprise experts from all Members States in the interrelated fields of surveying, geography, cartography and mapping, remote sensing, land/sea and geographic information systems and environmental protection designated by Governments of States Members.

A “Member” of the Committee means an expert participating in a session of the Committee of Experts who is head of delegation of a UN Member State

No member may address the Session without having previously obtained the permission of the person presiding over the Session. The person presiding over the Session shall recognize and call upon members in the order in which they signify their desire to speak.

Representatives of the specialized agencies invited to the Session may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Session, on the invitation of the person presiding over the Session, as the case may be, on questions within the scope of their activities.

Non-governmental organizations granted consultative status with ECOSOC as well as those non-governmental organizations **accredited to participate** in the Session may designate representatives to sit as **observers** at public meetings of the Session, may participate in the activities of the Session only when so invited by the Committee.



During the Session- the role of the Chair

The Chair:

- May declare the opening and closing of each plenary meeting,
- Direct the discussions,
- Ensure the observance of the Rules of Procedure,
- Accord the right to speak,
- Put questions to the vote and announce decisions
- May propose the closure of the list of speakers,
- Propose a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times that each member may speak on an item
- May ask Bureau members preside over agenda items



YOUR Role DURING the Thirteenth Session

Participants are encouraged to:

- Visit your Permanent Mission in New York
- Become acquainted with the UN-GGIM work items
- Actively contribute to the work of the Committee by making statements and interventions
- Share your experiences, ideas and solutions
- Be short and concise in your interventions
- Identify expert and working groups in which to participate
- Tweet at **@UNGGIM #UNGGIM**

Why it is important to actively participate:

- An ideal forum for networking
- Recharge technically and reconnect with experts
- Let your country's achievements and requirements be known
- Contribute to advancing the **GGIM global agenda**



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Procedures for Intervention

(1) Use the microphone and (2) apply the KISS (Keep it short and simple) principle for interventions

- Press microphone button on panel, the Chair acknowledges you based on list of speakers.
- Address the Chair, not the individual posing a question. Address the Chair by his/her correct title, **“Mr or Madam Chair/Chairman”**
- First words from delegates after being offered the floor - **“Thank you (Mr or Madam) Chairman (for giving me the floor).” “My delegation....,”**
- Respond only when invited by the Chair. Address delegations by - **“Distinguished experts or delegates or representatives of [name of country]”**
- Your use of the ‘correct’ forms of address is the most elementary way to show respect for the Session and the other delegates.
- Delegates must never forget that all participants come from very different cultures. Many things which are part of normal exchanges in one’s national culture may be out of place at an international environment, invite misunderstanding and give unintended offence.



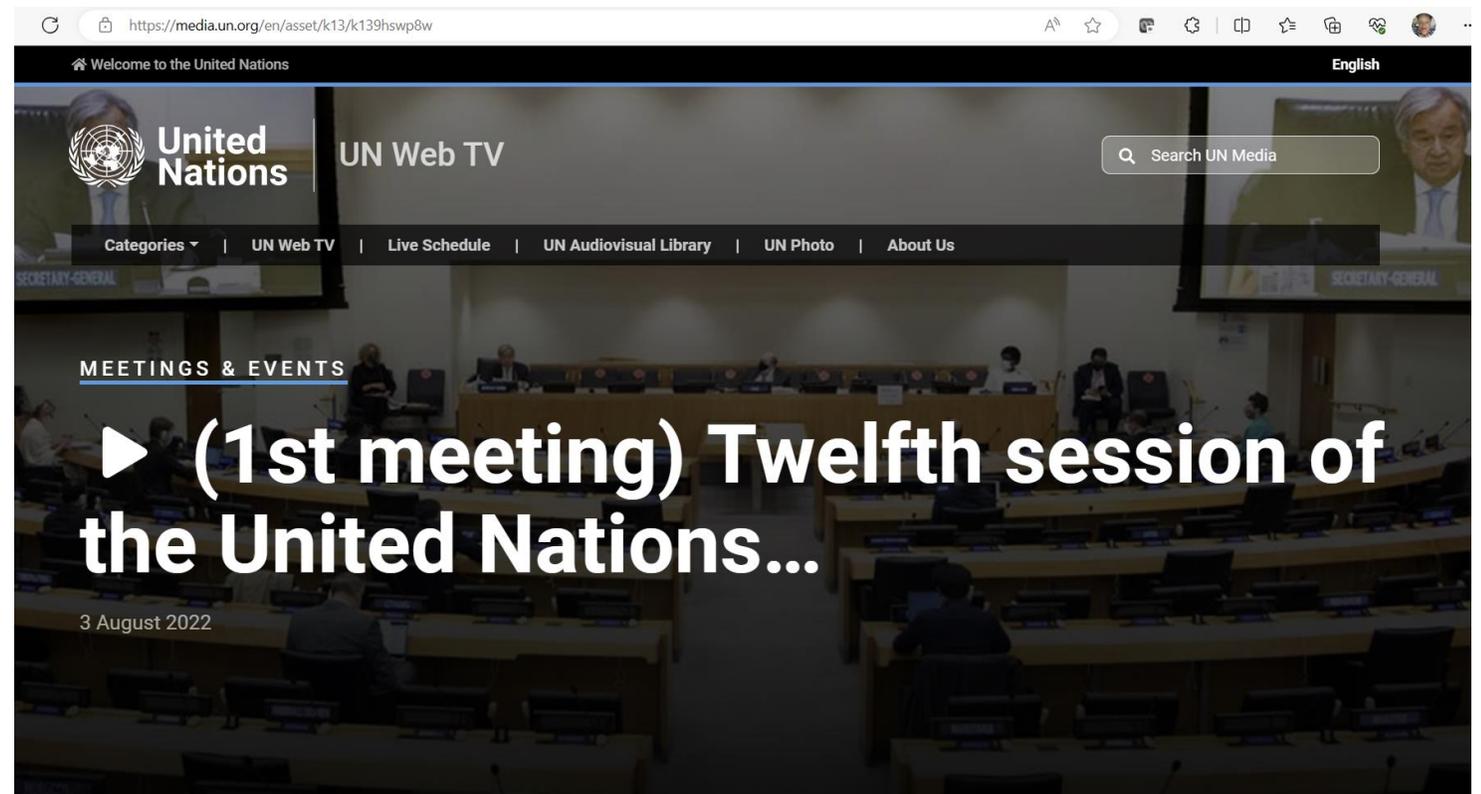
Sample statements – a great way to learn

- Watch and listen to recordings of pervious session on [UN Web TV](#)

▶ Webcast:

- ▶ 1st Meeting, 3 August 2022
- ▶ 2nd Meeting, 3 August 2022
- ▶ 3rd Meeting, 4 August 2022
- ▶ 4th Meeting, 4 August 2022
- ▶ 5th Meeting, 5 August 2022
- ▶ 6th Meeting, 5 August 2022

It is your first time and you may need help. Seek the assistance of a member of your Mission to the UN. Often they are the head of the delegation. They will assist you with drafting your statements



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Preparation for the UN-GGIM Report of the Thirteenth Session

Delegates are encouraged to review the draft decisions and provide appropriate interventions towards the preparation of the thirteenth Session Report

- At the end of each agenda item, the Secretariat summarizes the main discussion points which become part of the draft decisions.
- On Friday 4 August, the draft decisions for all agenda items will be printed and circulated for delegates to review and make interventions. This activity takes place under Item 19: Report of the Committee of Experts on its thirteenth session.



YOUR role BETWEEN Sessions

Participants are encouraged to:

- Contribute to advancing the **UN-GGIM regional and national agenda**
 - Communicate nationally the decisions from the UN-GGIM Session
 - Advocate and implement nationally the policies and decisions
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- [United Nations Digital Library](#): The online catalogue of UN documents and publications. The Digital Library provides access to UN documents, voting data, speeches, maps, and open access publications.
- [Research Guides](#): A good place to start research on UN topics of special interest.
 - examples: [Maps, Flags, Boundaries](#), [UN Documentation](#)
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