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Geospatial information and statistics: Integration for the SDGs

Thursday, 03 August, 2023

13:15pm-14:30pm

Conference Room 3 (Conference bldg.)

United Nations Headquarters, New York

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Both the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) and the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) recognise the important role of the integration of statistical and geospatial information and other data sources for making informed decision-making in response to COVID-19, climate change, natural disasters, security issues, food production and other thematic areas of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at both national and local levels.

As the anchoring framework for the Committee's work, the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) promotes and provides strategic and flexible guidance to achieve a strengthened and sustainable national management framework for integrated statistics and geospatial information. As a means of promoting the UN-IGIF to the Statistical community, the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (EG-ISGI) is developing a paper entitled "Expanding the UN-IGIF for the Statistical Domain", provided as a background document to the Expert Group's report at this present session. This paper presents an overview of how each of the UN-IGIF's nine (9) strategic pathways are relevant to the statistical domain, underscoring the criticality of geospatial information for enabling the production, measurement, monitoring and dissemination of geospatially integrated SDG indicators. This paper is under active development by the EG-ISGI, and the Committee of Experts is requested to provide its comment and input by 30 September 2023.

Alongside this work to communicate the UN-IGIF to the broader National Statistical System, the In Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) Working Group on Geospatial Information (WGGI) is focusing its efforts on ensuring that the transformational potential of geospatial information is commensurately recognised as a key resource to help in 'rescuing the SDGs'.

Objectives

The objective of this side event is to communicate the progress in Statistical and Geospatial Integration made by the EG-ISGI and the IAEG-SDGs WGGI. Through interactive discussion, this side event will help promote and socialise awareness of the discussion paper "Expand the UN-IGIF for the Statistical Domain" and the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap and provide deeper context to the reports under their respective agenda items in support of the Committee's deliberations and decisions.

The format of the side event is aimed to be participatory and interactive in nature – with a summary of the discussion and key points used to inform the work of both the EG-ISGI and IAEG-SDGs WGGI.

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Provisional agenda

Opening Remarks and Scene Setting (10mins)

- Mr Claudio Stenner, Brazil and co-Chair EG-ISGI
- Ms Lorraine McNerney, Ireland and co-Chair EG-ISGI

Communicating Geospatial Information for the SDGs (10mins)

- Ms Sandra Moreno, Colombia, and co-Chair IAEG-SDGs WGI

Expanding the IGIF for the Statistical Domain (10mins)

- Mr Peter Murphy, Canada and Ms Gabriela Seco, Mexico

Open Discussion (45mins)

- All participants

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