

Thirteenth session, UNHQ New York, 31 July to 4 August 2023

UN Geospatial Network: One UN Geospatial Situation Room

Monday, 31 July, 2023

10:00am-11:15am

Conference Room 3 (Conference bldg.)
United Nations Headquarters, New York

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Data, including geospatial data, are the foundation for monitoring, understanding, and developing insights that can support the mandates of the United Nations and accelerate the achievement of the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The One UN Geospatial Situation Room fulfills one of the key mandates of the UN Geospatial Network entrusted by UN-GGIM which is to “ensure the availability and accessibility of coordinated geospatial information and related systems to create quality, timely and reliable products and effective services to support Member States and United Nations mandates on local, national, regional and global issues, including the Sustainable Development Goals.” In August 2022, at its twelfth session, the initial concept of the One UN Geospatial Situation Room was noted by the Committee of Experts. In addition, the Committee of Experts welcomed the initiative of the United Nations Geospatial Network to build the geospatial component of the Secretary-General’s Data strategy.

The One UN Geospatial Situation Room has been the major endeavour of the Network, in line with its Blueprint strategy document, and aims to federate geospatial data services and knowledge from the United Nations system. Since August 2022, the One UN Geospatial Situation Room has been a key initiative to bring on board the wider United Nations family around a collective endeavour.

Objectives and expected outcomes

The One UN Geospatial Situation Room aims to bring geospatial to bear to address the operational requirements of the United Nations for foresight, early warning, crisis response, and monitoring, and decision-making. In accordance with the decision of the Committee of Experts in 2022, the UN Geospatial Network is holding the Side Event Room to continue its consultations with the Committee of Experts to gather ideas, collaboration and recommendations from the functional groups, thematic networks, international standards organizations and the wider international geospatial community to mature the design, content and direction for the One UN Geospatial Situation Room.

The side event aims at :

- presenting the latest collaboration of the UN Geospatial Network
- presenting the latest concept of the One UN Geospatial Situation Room
- presenting the enablement by UN Maps
- discussing collaboration and way forward

This is an open event, and all delegates and observers are invited



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Provisional agenda

10:00

Introduction of the UN Geospatial Network

Presentation of the One UN Geospatial Situation Room

[Chair, Alexander Caldas (Director, United Nations Environment Programme)]

10:15

Presentation of the UN Maps

[Kyoung-Soo Eom (Chief, Geospatial Information Section)]

10:30

Panel discussion on the One UN Geospatial Situation Room with the

Chairs of the UN-GGIM Academic Network, Geospatial Societies, and Private Sector Network (tbc)

10:45

Interactive discussion

11:00

Closing

[Stefan Schweinfest (Director, UN Statistics Division)]

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