



## Thirteenth Session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

### High-level Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework Forum

## “Advancing and Implementing the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework”

Tuesday, 1 August 2023

1:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. (EDT/New York)

Room # CR-3 (Conference building)

### Background

There is broad global consensus, support, and agreement on the critical importance of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) and its Implementation Guide to develop, integrate, and strengthen national geospatial information management arrangements in Member States. Many Member States are now developing IGIF Country-level Action Plans in order to address increasingly complex national, regional, and global challenges and to support the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and other global development agendas.

At its tenth session, the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) noted the global significance of the IGIF, which serves as a key umbrella for many activities under the purview of the Committee, including the regional committees and thematic groups, and can be applied to any country to guide transformational change. In making decision 10/103, the Committee of Experts endorsed the establishment of a dedicated High-level Group of experts, with balanced geographical representation and expertise, as a mechanism to provide strategic leadership, coordination, and oversight to ensure the sustained success of the IGIF, and to mobilize the resources necessary to maintain the momentum and refinement of the IGIF as a continuously evolving process.

At its eleventh session, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 11/103, in which it recognized the efforts by the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF) to quickly establish itself and develop an ambitious plan to provide strategic leadership and guidance. The Committee endorsed the Strategic Plan of the High-level Group and supported the three priority goals identified for immediate attention as a means for developing the High-level Group’s initial Plan of Work for the next two years.

At its twelfth session, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 12/105, in which it congratulated the High-level Group for its continued efforts to advance the role and relevance of the IGIF through its Plan of Work, including establishing work groups and hosting side events, webinars, and in-person meetings to improve communication and enhance capacity development.

During this side event, information will be provided on the progress and activities of the HLG-IGIF work groups with an aim to create awareness of key work underway to support Member States. Work group members will highlight progress and invite engagement from participants. The side event will also provide an opportunity for participants to hear from Member States who will share their experiences advancing the IGIF and developing Country-level Action Plans.

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## Provisional Agenda

### Session 1: 1:15 – 2:30 pm

- 1. Welcome and opening statements** **1:15 – 1:25 p.m.**
  - ❖ Mr. Stefan Schweinfest  
*Director, United Nations Statistical Division*
  - ❖ Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Belgium  
*Co-Chair, UN-GGIM*
  - ❖ Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, United States  
*Co-Chair, HLG-IGIF*
  
- 2. The HLG-IGIF – An Overview** **1:25 – 1:35 p.m.**
  - ❖ Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, United States  
*Co-Chair, HLG-IGIF*
  
- 3. Featured work of the HLG-IGIF Work Groups – A Panel Discussion** **1:35 – 2:30 p.m.**

Moderator:

  - ❖ Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, United States  
*Co-Chair, HLG-IGIF*

Panelists:

  - ❖ Mr. Antonius Wijanarto, Indonesia – Communications Work Group – Palm Oil Case Study
  - ❖ Mr. Mohammad Almadbrook, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sustainable Funding Work Group – Guide
  - ❖ Mr. Andrew Coote, Sustainable Funding Work Group – Geospatial Value Study Inventory
  - ❖ Ms. Rosario Casanova, Capacity Development Work Group – Document Translation

**BREAK 30 MINUTES**

**2:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

### Session 2: 3:00 – 4:15 pm

- 4. Advancing the IGIF through the SDG Data Alliance** **3:00 – 3:10 p.m.**

Presenter:

  - ❖ Mr. John Kedar  
*SDG Data Alliance Resource Team*
  
- 5. Experiences Advancing the IGIF – A Panel Discussion** **3:10 – 4:10 p.m.**

Moderator:

  - ❖ Mr. John Kedar  
*SDG Data Alliance Resource Team*

Proposed Panelists:

  - ❖ Chile
  - ❖ India
  - ❖ Kingdom of Tonga
  - ❖ Mozambique
  - ❖ South Africa
  
- 6. Wrap up and Close** **4:10 – 4:15 p.m.**
  - ❖ Ms. Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, United States  
*Co-Chair, HLG-IGIF*

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