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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report jointly prepared by the Secretariat and the working group on geospatial information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, which will be available, in the language of submission only, from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/14th-session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the efforts to ensure that the contributions of the global geospatial information management community are aligned with the needs of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and are used in measuring and monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals, and the key principle of the 2030 Agenda, which is to leave no one behind.

Summary of the report

At its thirteenth session, held in New York from 2 to 4 August 2023, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 13/107, in which it welcomed the report jointly prepared by the Secretariat and the working group on geospatial information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators regarding the continued efforts to ensure that the contributions of the global geospatial information management community are aligned with the needs of the 2030 Agenda. The Committee noted the endorsement by the Statistical Commission at its fifty-fourth session of the paper entitled “Examples of the implementation of the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap: disaggregating the SDGs by geographic location”, which supports the vision of geospatial and location-based information being recognized and accepted as official data for the Sustainable Development Goals and their global indicators, and demonstrates the contribution of geospatial information to implementing the 2030 Agenda and the broader support to sustainable development.

* [E/C.20/2024/1](http://www.un.org/Depts/under20/2024/1).



In the report, the Secretariat and the working group provide information on their respective efforts to strengthen the use of geospatial information, in all its forms, in addressing the needs and demands of the 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals and other global development agendas. The working group details its efforts to support the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators in the delivery of the comprehensive review to be carried out in 2025, primarily through its paper on rescuing the Goals using geospatial information as a means of strategically positioning the importance of geospatial information in the global indicator framework. In the report, information is provided on the progress of the working group with regard to its workplan for 2024 and its preparations to convene its seventh meeting jointly with the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information.

The report includes information on the continuing efforts of the Secretariat to ensure that the contribution of the global geospatial information community remains aligned with the 2030 Agenda and other global development agendas. These efforts include convening side events on the margins of high-level events, such as the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit, highlighting the significance of integrated geospatial information management for global and local sustainable development.
