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# **United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence Partnership Program**

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### Purpose

The United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE) Partnership Program has been created to recognize Member States, universities and organizations, and enable them to use the UN-GGCE logo to promote themselves, for the valuable contribution they make in sustaining the global geodesy supply chain.




### Stronger. Together.

Society's reliance on the global geodesy supply chain consisting of ground observatories, data centers, analysis centers and highly qualified people has grown to the extent that in some countries the satellite services enabled by the supply chain are seen as 'a single point of failure' for national economies, the operation of critical infrastructure systems including energy, transport and finance.

Despite the importance of the global geodesy supply chain, some elements of it are under-resourced and heavily reliant on 'in-kind' contributions from Member States, universities and organizations. Recognizing this risk, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 69/266 in February 2015, entitled 'A Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development' which encourages Member States to work together to sustain and enhance the global geodesy supply chain. Nevertheless, even with the United Nations General Assembly resolution, the weaknesses in the global geodesy supply chain remain hidden to many people.

The UN-GGCE Partnership Program is one way the UN-GGCE is working with Member States, universities and organizations to promote the important role they play and help them demonstrate the importance of their work.

## UN-GGCE Partnership Program options

|  | Criteria   | Benefits   | Terms  |
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| <br><b>FOUNDING PARTNER</b> | <p>A <b>Member State government agency / department*</b> that makes a significant contribution to the UN-GGCE before the end of 2025 with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term funding.</li> <li>• Long-term staff secondment (in person or virtual).</li> </ul> <p><i>* where a Member State government agency and a university are collaborating to contribute to the supply chain, please provide a joint application. In these cases, the university can also be recognized as a UN-GGCE Founding Partner.</i></p>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the 'UN-GGCE Founding Partner' logo.</li> <li>• Will be highlighted in UN-GGCE channels (web and social media) as a 'UN-GGCE Founding Partner'.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'UN-GGCE Founding Partner' logo can be applied in perpetuity.</li> </ul>  |
| <br><b>PARTNER</b>          | <p>A <b>Member State government agency / department*</b> that makes a contribution to the UN-GGCE with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding.</li> <li>• Staff secondment (in person or virtual).</li> </ul> <p><i>* where a Member State government agency and a university are collaborating to contribute to the supply chain, please provide a joint application. In these cases, the university can also be recognized as a UN-GGCE Partner.</i></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the 'UN-GGCE Partner' logo</li> <li>• Will be highlighted in UN-GGCE channels (web and social media) as a 'UN-GGCE Partner'.</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'UN-GGCE Partner' logo can be applied in perpetuity with the date range they contributed e.g. UN-GGCE Partner 2024-2026.</li> </ul> |
| <br><b>PARTNER</b>        | <p>A <b>Member State government agency / department or University / Organization</b> that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operates geodetic ground observatories, data centres, analysis centres and contributes the data and products to the Services of the International Association of Geodesy.</li> <li>• Have staff who contribute to the Services of the International Association of Geodesy.</li> <li>• Have staff who contribute to geodetic standards development.</li> <li>• Provide geodesy education / training / capacity development.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the 'UN-GGCE Partner' logo</li> <li>• Will be highlighted in UN-GGCE channels (web and social media) as a 'UN-GGCE Partner'.</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'UN-GGCE Partner' logo can be applied in perpetuity with the date range they contributed e.g. UN-GGCE Partner 2024-2026.</li> </ul> |

## How to apply

- To be recognized as a **UN-GGCE Founding Partner** please contact Mr. Nicholas Brown, UN-GGCE Head of Office, at [nicholas.brown@un.org](mailto:nicholas.brown@un.org) to discuss the offer.
- To be recognized as a **UN-GGCE Partner** please answer the questions below and submit them to Mr. Nicholas Brown, UN-GGCE Head of Office at [nicholas.brown@un.org](mailto:nicholas.brown@un.org). Requests will be reviewed by staff in the UN-GGCE and members of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee, which include members of the International Association of Geodesy.
  1. Explain in 750 words or less how your Member State, university or organization meet the criteria specified in the table above? Please include specific information, for example, the financial / staff contributions made, the ground stations operated, the amount of in-kind staff support provided etc.
  2. Explain in 500 words or less how being a UN-GGCE Partner will benefit your Member State, university or organization?

## More information

Please contact Mr Nicholas Brown, Head of Office of the UN-GGCE [nicholas.brown@un.org](mailto:nicholas.brown@un.org).