



# Update on UN-IGIF UN-GGIM Arab States

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**UN-GGIM:AS is a member of the High-Level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF), and the following are the contribution to the HLG-IGIF:**

**UN-GGIM:AS Meeting:**

- Workshop on Enhancing National Geospatial Information Management in Doha, Qatar, 5 February 2024.





# Participation and Objectives



The Workshop was attended by 65 participants from 14-member countries:

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanese, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and UAE.

Also, in attendance were a representative of:

- GCC Statistics Center
- UN-GGIM Secretariat
- Private Sector
- Subject matter experts
- UN-GGIM: Asia Pacific
- UN-GGIM: Europe
- UN-GGIM: Americas



## Work Group Objectives

Understanding and exploring the nexus between integrated geospatial information and geospatially enabled evidence for good policy development and decision making to deliver national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals.







# Key Actions related to UN-IGIF during the Doha Plenary



## The functions of the Working Group:

Communicate strategies and experiences in financial management.

Encourage enhanced regional cooperation based on national experiences in acquiring, managing, and using geospatial information

Exchange experiences in governance and the role of institutions in applying the IGIF at a national level.

Encourage enhanced regional cooperation based on national experiences in acquiring, managing, and using geospatial information.

Advance integration of statistical and geospatial information thereby showing the value on initiatives such as the SDGs.

Share opportunities for using and the usability of geospatial data.

Identify examples of innovation for the benefit of Member States.

Exchange examples of successful as well as challenging partnerships in advancing geospatial information.

Determine effective opportunities for training and education that benefit member states and the region.

Utilize various strategies that address specific communication interests.





# Key Priorities of UN-IGIF WG of Arab States



The key priorities of the Working Group are:

1

Start  
implementation of  
the approved WG  
strategic plan

2

Improved  
collaboration with  
other WGs  
responsible for IGIF  
implementation

3

Increase awareness  
of the benefits of  
IGIF for members of  
UN-GGIM Arab  
States





# Working group meetings



## Main outcomes of Working Group Meetings

UN-IGIF: Arab States agreed on the main objectives in 2024:

Assessing the status of IGIF implementation in Arab states through survey



Prioritizing the preparation of Country-Level Action Plan



Knowledge sharing on previous implementations of Strategic Pathways in Arab states



## The High-Level Groups UN-IGIF

UN-GGIM: Arab States play and active role to provides strategic leadership, promotion, coordination, and oversight to implement the UN-IGIF globally.



**Capacity Development Working Group**

Document Translation,  
Global UN-IGIF Survey



**Sustainable Funding Working Group**

Work Group Co-Lead,  
Sustainable Funding Guide, Flyer



**Communications Working Group**

UN-IGIF Events



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## HLG-IGIF Meetings:

- Active participation in the Third plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in Aguascalientes, Mexico, 22 - 23 January 2024



## Participation on the Global UN-IGIF Survey







# Interregional Collaboration to Advance UN-IGIF

UN-GGIM: AS and UN-GGIM: AP Collaboration



## Outcomes and Deliverables

- Secretariats develop a brief report at the end of each regional event
- Present the outcomes of collaboration at the UN-GGIM Plenary in New York
- Submit a paper at the UN-GGIM Plenary based on collaboration outcomes



### Vision

Resolve regional issues by collective experience and knowledge-sharing

### Mission

To foster collaborative efforts within UN-GGIM regions utilizing regional solutions.

### Objective

The regional committee of the Arab States and Asia Pacific commit to developing a shared understanding and solutions addressing regional challenges.

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# UN-GGIM: AS and UN-GGIM: AP Collaboration



## Work plan

| Region               | Area of collaboration |  | Indicative dates                 | Anticipated Outcomes  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| UN-GGIM Asia Pacific | I                     | Disaster Management experience: The Asia Pacific region working group on disaster will present and share knowledge to UNGGIM Arab States in a workshop.  | 2024 Arab States UNGGIM Meeting  | Joint initiatives / Data Sharing/ Knowledge sharing/ Capacity building between the regions. |
| UN-GGIM Arab States  | II                    | Policy and Standards Experience: The Arab States will present their experience and share the knowledge with UNGGIM Asia Pacific colleagues in a workshop                                       | 2024 Asia Pacific UNGGIM Meeting | Joint initiatives / Data Sharing/ Knowledge sharing/ Capacity building between the regions. |
| UN-GGIM Asia Pacific | III                   | Marine SDI experience: The Asia Pacific region will share its experience on the topic of Marine SDI with Arab state's colleagues in a workshop or a round table.                               | 2025 Arab States UNGGIM Meeting  | Joint initiatives / Data Sharing/ Knowledge sharing/ Capacity building between the regions. |
| UN-GGIM Arab States  | IV                    | Geospatial Ecosystem Experience: The Arab States will present their experience and share the knowledge with UNGGIM Asia Pacific colleagues in a workshop on the topic of Geospatial Ecosystems | 2025 Asia Pacific UNGGIM Meeting | Joint initiatives / Data Sharing/ Knowledge sharing/ Capacity building between the regions. |





# UN-IGIF High Level Group



A meeting of the UN-IGIF HLG is scheduled along with the 12th Meeting of UN-GGIM:AS - Jeddah, Feb 2025



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