

High-level Group on the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF)

Fourth plenary meeting of the HLG-IGIF

5-6 August 2024

Monday, 5 August - 15:00 - 16:15 and 16:45 - 18:00 (EDT/New York)

Tuesday, 6 August – 10:00 - 11:15 and 11:30 - 12:45 (EDT/New York)

Conference Room 11 (CR-11 GA building)

Concept note

Background

At its tenth session, in making [decision 10/103](#), the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) noted the global significance of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF), which served as a key umbrella for the many activities under the purview of the Committee of Experts, including the regional committees and thematic groups, which could be applied to any country to guide transformational change. The Committee of Experts also 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 UN-IGIF, and to mobilize the resources necessary to maintain the momentum and refinement of the UN-IGIF as a continuously evolving process.

At its eleventh session, in making [decision 11/103](#), the Committee of Experts adopted and 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, including its six defined goals and focus actions, as an essential step towards the continued success and relevance of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.

At its twelfth session, the Committee of Experts adopted [decision 12/105](#), in which it reiterated the importance of implementing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework as a forward-looking framework at the country level, across the programme of work of the Committee of Experts, within priority areas in the workplans of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees, with interlinkages with other regional-to-global frameworks, and in response to increasingly challenging national, regional and global demands.

At its thirteenth session, in making [decision 13/105](#), the Committee of Experts congratulated the High-level Group for its continued efforts to advance the role and relevance of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework through a significant range of activities, including broadening work group membership, developing communication materials, a sustainable funding guide and an online tool, translating the Framework suite of documents, and participating broadly in webinars, workshops, conferences and events to promote and advance the Framework.

At its [Third plenary meeting](#) in January 2024 in Aguascalientes, Mexico, the HLG-IGIF reviewed and

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recommended updates to the Strategic Plan. The recommendations from the HLG-IGIF and attending partners included streamlining, prioritizing, and reducing duplication. As a result, the Strategic Plan was revised, reducing the number of goals from six to four by merging goals with similar activities.

Fourth plenary meeting of the HLG-IGIF

The fourth plenary meeting of the HLG-IGIF will be convened from 5 to 6 August 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters Conference Center in New York, USA, during the Side events of the Fourteenth session of UN-GGIM. The meeting will allow members of the HLG-IGIF to review, consider and discuss progress to-date, develop and plan for the work ahead, noting the global importance of the IGIF for strengthening national geospatial information management towards implementing national development priorities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

During the Fourth plenary meeting, the HLG-IGIF Work Groups will present their accomplishments and proposed changes to their work plans based on the updated [Strategic plan](#). The HLG-IGIF will assess the progress and needs of the work groups, the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC), the Regional Committees, and Member States advancing the UN-IGIF. This assessment will guide the finalization of the HLG-IGIF work plan, assuming a more strategic approach that considers the additional resources anticipated from the UN-GGKIC and the Secretariat of the Committee of Experts later in 2024.

Participation

Participation Members of the UN-GGIM Bureau, the HLG-IGIF and relevant partners are invited to participate in this event. Interested national representatives of Member States wishing to participate and contribute to the meetings may request to the Co-Chairs or the Secretariat and be invited to the meeting.

Provisional Agenda

Agenda 1. (a) Welcome background and introductions

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

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF, Cameroon

Agenda 1. (b) Adoption of Agenda, organization of the meeting, related organizational matters and announcements

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF, Cameroon

Agenda 2. HLG-IGIF Business

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

Agenda 3. UN-GGKIC Update

Mr. Pengde Li, Head of the UN Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre

Agenda 4. Work Group Updates

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF, Cameroon

Presenters:

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Dr. Mohammed Al Sayel/Mr. Mohammad Almaghrabi/Ms. Odete Semiao, Co-Leads, Sustainable Funding Work Group

Mr. Marcelo Emery, Co-Lead, Capacity Development Work Group

Mr. Jamie Clark/Mr. Tandang Yuliadi Dwi Putra, Co-Leads, Communications Work Group

Agenda 5. Regional Committee Chair Updates

Mr. Jamie Clark, Co-Lead, Communications Work Group

Presenters:

Regional Committee Chairs and Presidents

Agenda 6. Member State Experiences Utilizing the UN-IGIF

Mr. Erik Teguh Primiantoro (Indonesia)

Mr. Mouhammad Abdullah Diallo (Senegal) (tbc)

Mr. Tion Uriam (Kiribati) (tbc)

Mr. Fernand Isseri (Cameroon)

Agenda 7. Summary, Next Steps and Close

Mr. Fernand Guy Isseri, Co-Chair HLG-IGIF, Cameroon

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

Information and logistic

For more information, please consult the [New York resource guide](#) for the Fourteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

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