

Introductory session for delegates new to the work of the session of the Committee of Experts

**Wednesday 7 August 2024
09:00-09:45**

**DC2-1684 Conference Room
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Global Geospatial Information Management

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7 - 9 AUGUST 2024

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WELCOME to the Fourteenth Session

- The Bureau welcomes you to New York, to the United Nations and to the **Fourteenth session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)**.
- This presentation aims to introduce participants who are attending the annual sessions of the Committee of Experts for the first time, to the formalities of a United Nations inter-governmental session.
- The presentation seek to assist delegates new to the work of the session of the Committee of Experts towards a productive and rewarding week at the United Nations Headquarters.



What is important to know

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- Objectives
- Architecture
- Functional groups
- Rules of procedures
- The Bureau
- Organization of work

Documents

- UN document symbols
- Agenda & organizational
- Substantive document for each item
- Points for discussion for each item
- Decisions

Your role

- Statements and Interventions
- while in New York
- between sessions
- Report and decisions

Media and logistics

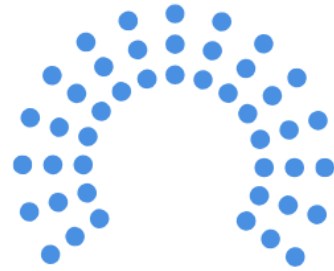
- Broadcast & social media
- Building layout
- Seating arrangements



6 main parts of the United Nations



General Assembly



Security Council



Economic and Social Council

- Principal organ to coordinate economic, social, and related work of the United Nations
- **The Committee of Experts reports to ECOSOC**



Trusteeship Council



International Court of Justice



Secretariat

- **Secretariat for the Committee of Experts, Statistics Division, DESA**



Objectives of the Committee of Experts



Reports directly to the **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**



Discusses and coordinates **geospatial information management** activities by involving **Member States** at the highest level



Makes **joint decisions** and sets **directions** on the use of geospatial information within national, regional and global **policy frameworks**



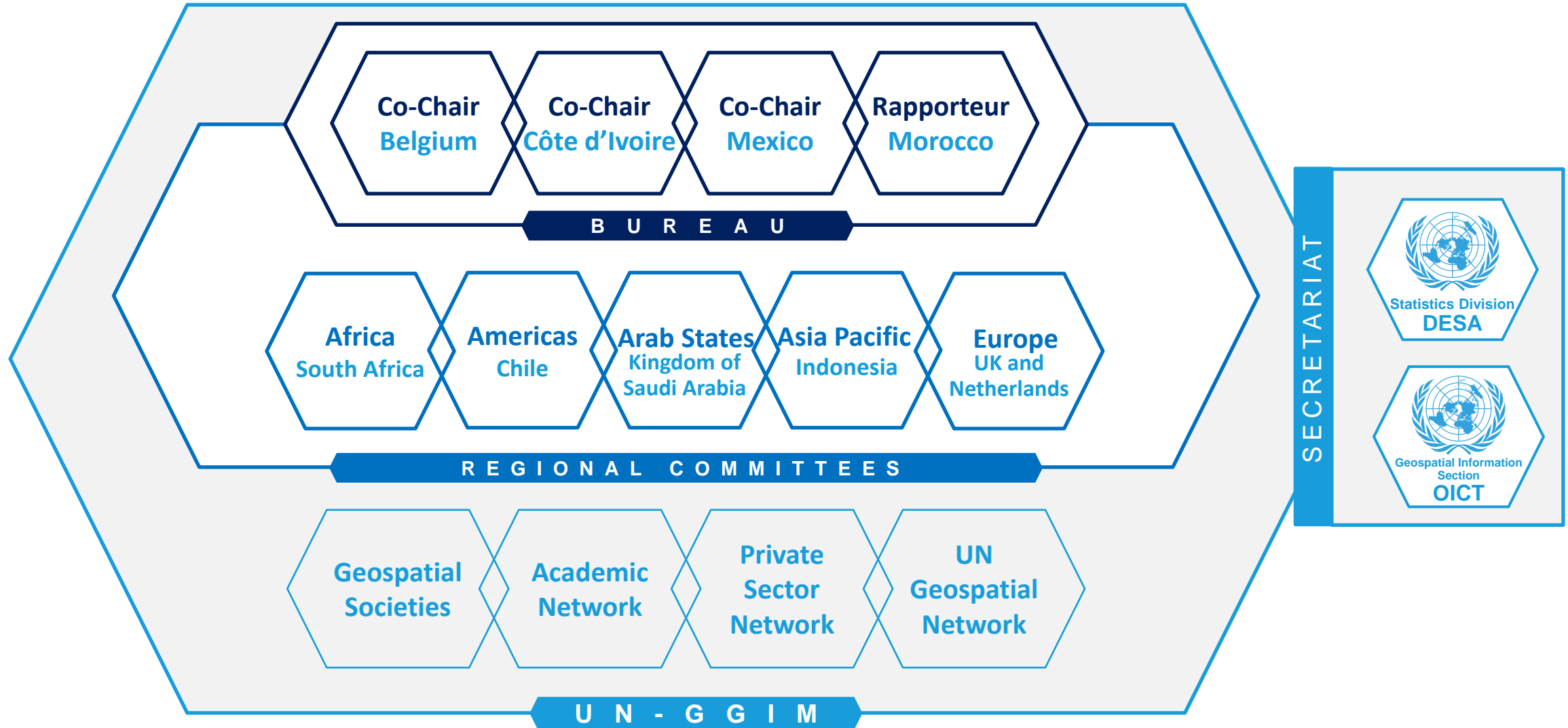
Contribute **collective knowledge** as a community with shared interests and concerns, Address **global issues** and **challenges**



Develops **effective strategies** to strengthen and enhance nationally integrated **geospatial capacity** and **leadership** particularly in developing countries



UN-GGIM: Architecture



UN-GGIM: Functional groups

High-level Group

- High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

Subcommittee

- Subcommittee on Geodesy (formerly WG on Global Geodetic Reference Frame)

Expert Groups

- Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
- Expert Group on Land Administration and Management

Working Groups

- Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters
- Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management
- Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information

Working Group of the IAEG-SDGs

- Working Group on Geospatial Information

Teams

- Task Team on Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience
- Writing Team on the Future Geospatial Information Ecosystem

Past Working Groups

- Working Group on Development of a Statement of Shared Principles for the Management of Geospatial Information
- Working Group on Trends in National Institutional Arrangements in Geospatial Information Management
- Working Group on Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes

<https://ggim.un.org/UNGGIM-functional-groups/>



UN-GGIM: Rules of procedures

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rules of procedure**

I. Definitions

Rule 1

For the purposes of the present rules, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- (a) “Committee of Experts” or “Committee” means the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/24 of 27 July 2011;
- (b) “Member” means an expert participating in a session of the Committee who is the head of delegation of a State Member of the United Nations;
- (c) “Session” means the annual meeting of the Committee or any additional meeting of the Committee held under exceptional circumstances.

II. Membership and composition

Rule 2

The Committee of Experts shall comprise experts from all Members States with specific knowledge of geospatial information management and its many interrelated fields of geospatial sciences, geomatics, surveying, geography, land administration, geodesy, cartography and mapping, remote sensing, hydrography and oceanography, land/sea and geographic information systems and environmental sciences. The experts shall be designated by the Governments of Member States.


Rule 3

Each Member State participating in a session of the Committee of Experts shall be represented by a head of delegation and such other accredited representatives,

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** The present rules of procedure supersede those adopted by the Committee of Experts at its fourth session, held in August 2014.

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Rules of procedures ([E C20 2024 4 e](#)) available in all six official languages of the United Nations is the first recommended reading.

A few rules to note –

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The bureau of the Committee of Experts



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BUREAU

Rule 7, The Committee shall elect **three Co-Chairs** and a **Rapporteur** during each session from among its members, with due regard for the equitable geographical rotation of the officers from among the regional groups. The Co-Chairs and the Rapporteur shall constitute the Bureau of the Committee. The Bureau shall take on tasks designated by the Committee.



Organization of work

■ Dates and Times of the meetings

- Wednesday 7 August: **10:30 - 13:00** (*meeting 1*)
15:00 – 18:00 (*meeting 2*)
- Thursday 8 August: **10:00 - 13:00** (*meeting 3*)
15:00 – 18:00 (*meeting 4*)
- Friday 9 August: **10:00 - 13:00** (*meeting 5*)
15:00 – 18:00 (*meeting 6*)

NOTE

- The Fourteenth session has **six meetings**
- **Two meetings** each day

■ Check the estimated time of each item as:

Organization of work
Day/Time of each agenda

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Thursday, 8 August

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

→ Item 7

United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

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For discussion and decision

Note by the Secretariat on the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (E/C.20/2024/9)

Item 8

Global geodetic reference frame

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For discussion and decision

Note by the Secretariat on the global geodetic reference frame (E/C.20/2024/10)



Documents: United Nations document symbols

United Nations



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
12 April 2024

Original: English

E/C.20/2024/1

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Provisional agenda

Symbol

e.g. **E/C.20/2024/1**

E/C.20/2024/1

E	ECOSOC
/C.20	Committee Number, assigned to UN-GGIM
/2024	Year report is to be tabled to ECOSOC
/1	Document number

Note: An informal paper or document does not have a symbol.

There are additional symbols such as

L	Limited distribution (draft documents)
INF	Information Series (e.g., list of participants)
RS	Resolution
CRP	Conference Room Paper



Documents: Agenda and organizational

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements.
4. Contribution of regional committees to the global geospatial information agenda.
5. Contribution of thematic networks to the global geospatial information agenda.
6. The future geospatial information ecosystem.
7. United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.
8. Global geodetic reference frame.
9. Geospatial information for sustainable development.
10. Geospatial information for climate and resilience.
11. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information.
12. Integrated geospatial information for effective land administration and management.
13. Integrated marine geospatial information.
14. Policy and legal frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data.
15. Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community.
16. Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.
17. Programme management report.
18. Provisional agenda and dates of the fifteenth session.
19. Report of the Committee of Experts on its fourteenth session.

Provisional Agenda

List of all agenda items to be considered during the session



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Organization of work
Day/Time of each agenda item discussed by the Committee

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	Proposed time to be spent on each item (minutes)
Wednesday, 7 August		
10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Opening of the session	45
	Item 1 Election of officers	
	Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
	<i>For discussion and decision</i>	
	Provisional agenda (E/C.20/2024/1)	
	Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/C.20/2024/3)	
	Rules of procedure (E/C.20/2024/4)	
	Note by the Secretariat on the entities invited to participate in the session as observers (E/C.20/2024/CRP.1)	
	Item 3 Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements	75
	<i>For discussion and decision</i>	
	Note by the Secretariat on enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements (E/C.20/2024/5)	
	Item 4 Contribution of regional committees to the global geospatial information agenda	30
	<i>For information and discussion</i>	



Documents: Substantive document for each item

United Nations E/C.20/2024/9

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United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

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 of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee (<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 progress made and the strategic leadership, coordination and oversight by the High-level Group to ensure the sustained success of the Framework and its operationalization through country-level action plans.

Summary of the report

At its thirteenth session, held from 2 to 4 August 2023, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 13/105, in which it congratulated the High-level Group for its continued efforts to advance the role and relevance of the United Nations 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.

The Committee acknowledged the priority and urgency of the High-level Group to refine, finalize, translate and digitally publish the Framework suite of documents, including the overarching strategy, the Framework implementation guide and addenda, and the resource materials to support the United Nations recommended approach to design and develop country-level action plans, all of which required adequate additional resources.

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*Each agenda item of the proceedings include a **summary** and a **report***

Summary

A brief summary of the agenda item available in the six official UN languages

Report

A complete report of the agenda item prepared by the regional committees, functional groups or thematic networks, or the secretariat as appropriate

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the UN-IGIF. Key work accomplishments highlighted during the Forum included progress on a Sustainable Funding Guide, the launch of an online Geospatial Value Study Inventory (GeoVSI), an overview of the UN-IGIF document translation process, and translation progress made.

17. The HLG-IGIF co-Chairs, work group co-Leads, and HLG-IGIF members have utilized other global and regional forums, workshops, and side events to provide an overview of the progress of the HLG-IGIF, communicate the importance of the UN-IGIF, and share good practices and lessons learned. Other engagements have included Expert consultations and meetings on enhancing geospatial information management arrangements and accelerating the implementation of the SDGs, SDG Data Alliance Workshops (in Cape Town, South Africa and Aguascalientes, Mexico), UK Geospatial Summit (with academia, technologists, and policy advisors), Pan American Institute of Geography and History 24th General Assembly, 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States, International Federation of Surveyors, and participation to regional committee meetings, sessions, and virtual and in-person workshops and webinars.

18. At the upcoming fourteenth session, the HLG-IGIF will jointly organize a Forum between the HLG-IGIF, the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management, the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information, the UN-GGKIC, with participation from regional committees and thematic networks, demonstrating the broad synergies and interlinkages of the UN-IGIF serving as the overarching Framework throughout the programme of work of the Committee of Experts. Upcoming HLG-IGIF engagements include the seventh High-level Forum in Mexico City, Mexico, on 8–10 October 2024, and the World Data Forum in Medellín, Colombia on 12–15 November 2024.

IV. Regional committee events, workshops, and webinars

19. In addition to the HLG-IGIF events and engagements, all regional committees are conducting their own events, workshops, or webinars to share good practices, develop capacity, and raise awareness and promote the implementation of the UN-IGIF, including during their annual plenary meetings.

UN-GGIM: Africa

20. At its ninth plenary meeting held on 14–18 August 2023, in Cape Town, South Africa, the regional committee strongly encouraged Member States to actively develop their own country-led action plans, including with the SDG Data Alliance, and to ensure that their national geospatial strategies are in line with the regional agenda, thus promoting developmental efforts within member countries and the African region. The regional committee also organized a workshop with the SDG Data Alliance on developing country-level action plans and building geospatial data hubs for the SDGs where Member States actively exchanged valuable insights, discussing good practices, challenges, and successes in implementing UN-IGIF's Country-level Action Plans. Additionally, impactful videos showcasing the value of geospatial information management in achieving SDGs across Africa were presented at a side event of the SDG Summit in New York, USA, entitled '[Geospatial Information: Accelerating Implementation of the SDGs](#)'.

UN-GGIM: Americas

21. At its tenth plenary meeting, held on 17–20 October 2023 in Santiago, Chile, the regional committee of the Americas held two UN-IGIF sessions that featured presentations on the UN-IGIF as a regional driver for change, the work of the regional UN-IGIF working group, results of the regional UN-IGIF survey, regional collaborations on the UN-IGIF, and Member States examples on the use and implementation of the UN-IGIF. The results of the regional UN-IGIF survey for the Americas were used to guide the UN-IGIF programme of work for the region. Two virtual webinars entitled "Let's Talk about the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF)" were organized with the first event, focused on Strategic Pathway 1 - Governance and Institutions, held on 24 April 2024, with more than 100

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Documents: Points for discussions for each item

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Item 6 of the provisional agenda*
The future geospatial information ecosystem

The future geospatial information ecosystem

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

The present paper contains the report of the Bureau of the Committee of Experts team on the future geospatial information ecosystem that was convened by the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

At its thirteenth session, held from 2 to 4 August 2023, the Committee adopted a decision in which it welcomed efforts to continue to discuss and explore the future geospatial information ecosystem to assist Member States and national geospatial information agencies in their current and future geospatial environments, in which technological developments and applications would play a crucial role. The Committee of Experts noted that new technologies and the growth of wider digital and data ecosystems, of which geospatial services are a part, provided further opportunities to create, manage and access geospatial information in innovative ways, and that geospatially integrated data would support the immediate and long-term development frameworks beyond the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Committee of Experts agreed that the definition and development of future geospatial information ecosystems was an opportune activity for the Committee of Experts to undertake but further scoping and consensus to identify and describe what the foundations of future geospatial information ecosystems would encompass within the purview of the Committee, and suggested that further structure and detailed work on defining the Committee's mandate take place and progress into general principles, and that the further work on the Committee emphasize that geospatial information is an integrated component in different digital ecosystems in many cases is not an ecosystem in itself. In that regard, the Committee supported the Bureau, supported by a writing team, with developing a position paper on the scope and an outline on the fundamental elements and principles of the future geospatial information ecosystem for the consideration of the Committee of Experts at its fourteenth session. The Committee further reiterated the need to reduce the growing geospatial digital divide between developing countries and to ensure that the future geospatial information ecosystem gives priority to developing countries and small island developing States, including to keep promoting and comprehensive frameworks that make geospatial data, services and technology accessible to all.

In this present report, the Secretariat and Bureau report on their efforts to update the Committee of Experts on the development of the position paper, aimed at defining the scope, fundamental elements and principles of the future geospatial information ecosystem.

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perspectives of the wider community on the future geospatial information ecosystem. Leverage available opportunities, including plenary and expert meetings of the Committee's regional committees and functional groups, international seminars and high-level forum to foster dialogue with the wider community and understand the ramifications, complexities, and multifaceted aspects and further advance the determination of the future geospatial information ecosystem, and its role within the wider digital ecosystem.

- (b) **Mapping the wider geospatial information ecosystem via a survey:** Build upon the survey undertaken, expand and extend the survey to support determining the future geospatial information ecosystem and its scope, characteristics, fundamental elements and principles and to position the future geospatial information ecosystem within the wider digital ecosystem.
- (c) **Mapping and considering the wider digital ecosystem:** As noted previously, the Committee of Experts is well aware "that geospatial information is an integrated component in different digital ecosystems and in many cases is not an ecosystem in itself" (decision 13/104 (c)), as such, a subsequent step should include to consider different digital ecosystems and to go beyond the geospatial information community to include stakeholders, actors and experts from data, policy, artificial intelligence, statistics, information technologies and other related digital ecosystems in order to consider the wider digital ecosystems, and the role of geospatial information ecosystem within this wider digital ecosystem.

V. Points for discussion

23. The Committee of Experts is invited to:

- (a) **Take note of the present report and express its views and perspectives on how the global geospatial information community should be prepared and adapt to the rapidly changing landscape of geospatial information management and its operational environment;**
- (b) **Express its views and provide further substantive inputs and feedback on the proposed principles and fundamental elements that would form the basis for determining the future geospatial information ecosystem, including the evolving concept and scope of this ecosystem; and**
- (c) **Provide its views on the proposed options suggested for determining the future geospatial information ecosystem, and if option 1 is preferred, provide guidance on next steps as outline in paragraph 22 above.**

Points for Discussion
found in the *last section of the reports*, participants are encouraged to read all documents and note the points for interventions

MEETING DOCUMENTS & REPORTS

are available at:

<https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/14th-Session/documents/>

YOUR Role: Statements and interventions



Delegates are encouraged to review the draft decisions and agree, when appropriate, make appropriate interventions

- At the end of each agenda item, the Secretariat **summarizes** the **main discussion points** which become part of the draft decisions.
- On **Friday 9 August**, the draft decisions will be circulated for delegates **to review and agree**.



YOUR Role: Statements or interventions ‘how to’?

Use the microphone

Press microphone button on panel

1

Address the Chair
by his/her correct title
“Mister or Madam Chair”

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Address delegations as
“Distinguished
representative or delegate
or expert of [country]”

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Apply the KISS
(Keep It Short and Simple)
principle for interventions

2

After being offered the floor:
“Thank you, Mr. or Ms.
Chairperson, for the floor”
“My delegation ...”

4

Use correct forms of
address to show respect
and prevent
misunderstanding

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YOUR Role: while in New York

Participants are encouraged to:

- **Visit your Permanent Mission in New York**
- Become acquainted with the agenda and organization of the work of the fourteenth session
- Actively contribute to the work of the Committee by making statements and interventions
- Where appropriate, share country-level experiences, offer solutions
- Be short and concise in your interventions
- Perhaps, identify expert and working groups in which to participate and contribute
- Contribute to the review of the draft decisions

Why it is important to actively participate:

- An ideal forum for networking, exchanging views and perspectives
- Recharge substantively, technically and reconnect with experts and peers
- Let your country's achievements and requirements be known
- Contribute to **enhancing the global geospatial information management arrangements**



YOUR Role: between sessions

Contribute to advancing global geospatial information management agenda nationally

- Communicate session decisions **nationally**
- Advocate and implement policies and programs aligned with the decisions of the Committee of Experts
- Engage actively with your regional committee and relevant/appropriate functional groups

Participate in UN-GGIM meetings and forums

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- Interpretation available in all 6 UN languages.
- Recordings will be posted on the UN-GGIM Session webpages, after the session



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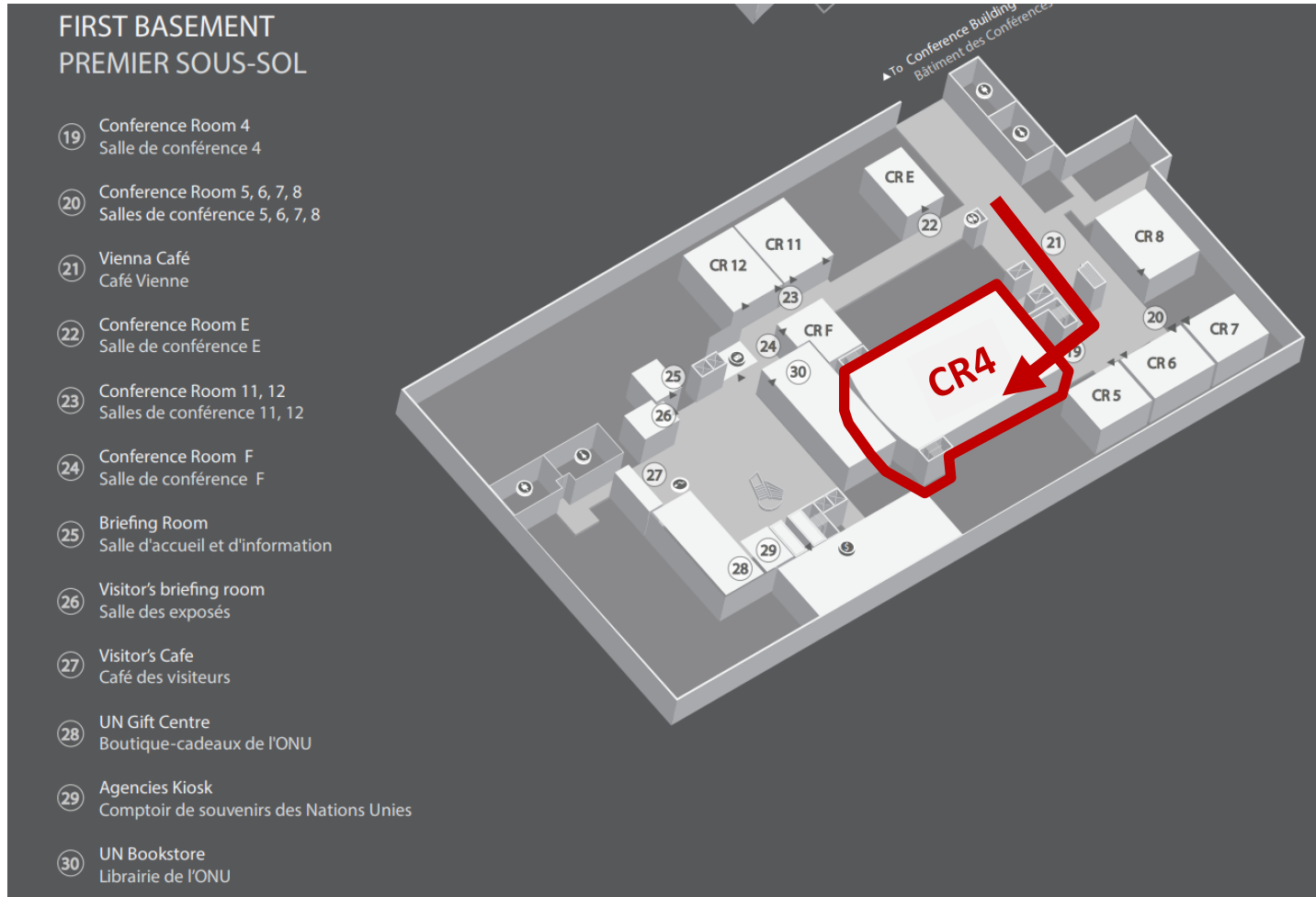
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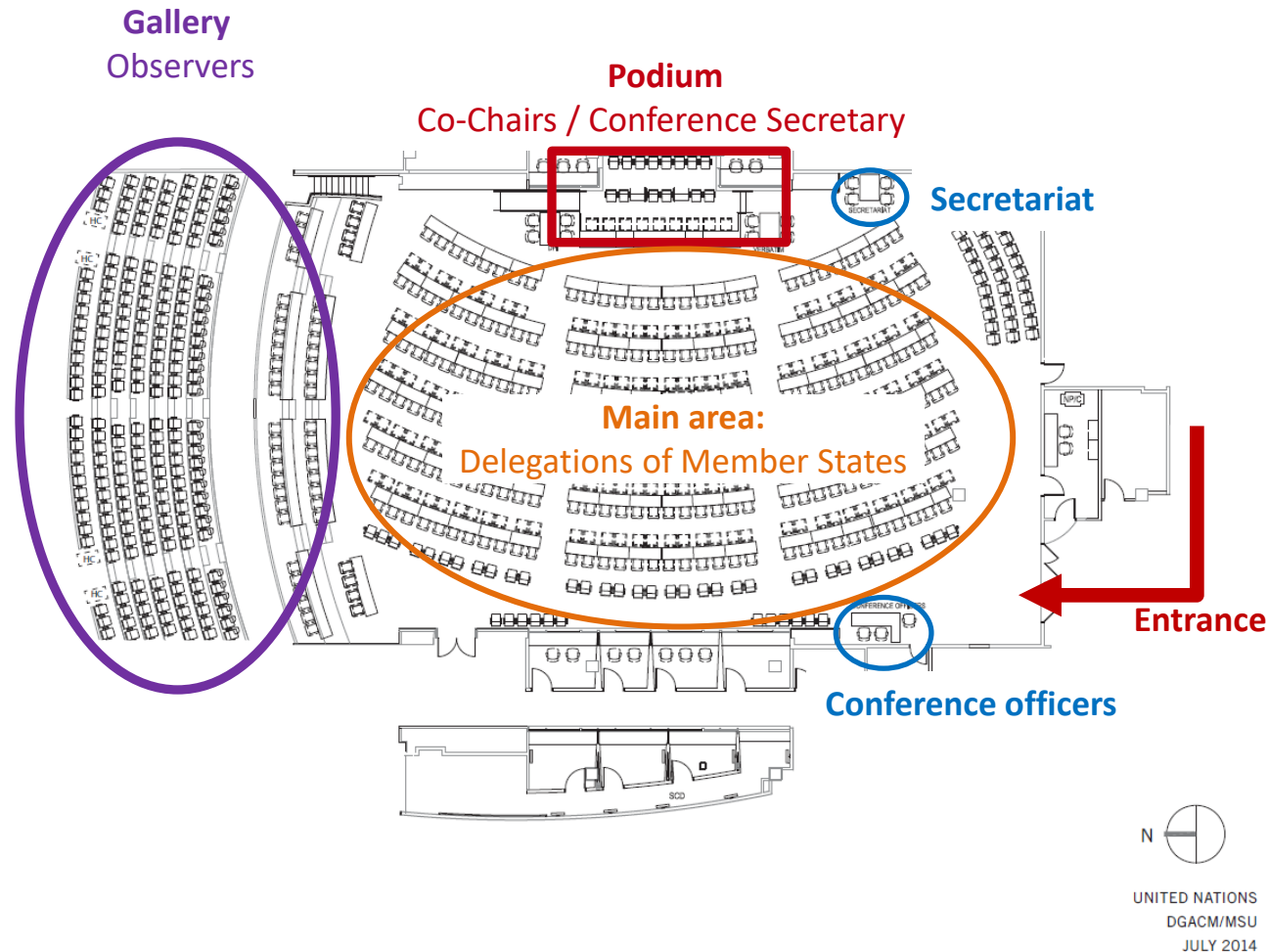
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Media and logistics: Seating arrangements



Member States are seated in the **Main area** by country name in alphabetical order

Observers – Entities invited to participate in the work of the Session (Inter-governmental organizations, UN system, non-governmental organizations, professional organizations, academia and the private sector) are seated in the **Gallery**

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Thank you for joining us for this side event



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