

# Geospatial information for sustainable development and resilience

## *Perspectives from the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks*

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# Key Messages

- **Overview:** The evolving landscape of geospatial information, driven by technological and global changes, requires continuous updates to legal and regulatory frameworks to effectively manage and leverage these advancements.
- The WG supports Member States in achieving resilience and sustainability through robust policy and legal frameworks.
- **Key resources:**
  - **Policy & Legal Resource Kit:** Promotes data sharing and improves geospatial information management.
  - **Compendium on Licensing:** Establishes best practices for geospatial data licensing.
- **Recent Initiatives of Note:**
  - **Paper on 'Authoritative, fit-for-purpose geospatial data for crises':** Focus on fit-for-purpose data for crises, enhancing resilience during and post-crisis.
  - **Post-Crisis Considerations:** Capacity building, real-time data integration, and trust in emerging technologies.
- **Integration with UN-IGIF:**
  - **Strategic Pathway 2:** Supports country-level action plans and IGIF implementation for sustainable development.



# Future Timelines

- **Continue implementing the 2023-2025 WG work plan**
- **'Authoritative, fit-for-purpose geospatial data for crises' paper:** Global consultation this year and final presentation at the next UN-GGIM annual session in 2025.
- **Geospatial Data for Public Good:** Concept paper exploring legal and policy aspects relevant to sustainable development. Provided as background document to Agenda Item #14 this year, if of interest.

