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## Fifteenth session

# Forum “Celebrating 10 years of the Global Geodetic Reference Frame Resolution”

*Tuesday, 05 August 2025*

*11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.*

*Conference Room 4 (CR-4 GA Building)*

## CONCEPT NOTE and PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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### Background

As In February 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 69/266 on the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) for Sustainable Development—marking a historic moment of recognition for the importance of geodesy at the highest level of international cooperation. This resolution was the first of its kind dedicated to the field of geodesy, acknowledging the foundational role geodesy plays in supporting a wide range of global priorities including disaster management, climate monitoring, sustainable development, and positioning systems.

Now, as we mark the 10th anniversary of Resolution 69/266, the global geodesy community comes together to celebrate the achievements made over the past decade and reaffirm its commitment to advancing and sustaining a robust, inclusive, and operational Global Geodesy Supply Chain (GGSC). This forum serves as a platform to reflect on progress, share lessons learned, and chart a forward-looking course of action to meet emerging geospatial challenges.

In particular, the forum will pay particular attention to strengthening the governance requirements of the GGSC. This is in recognition of the fact that increased funding, capacity development and greater awareness of geodesy within Member State governments will only come with enhanced governance arrangements.

As we commemorate a decade of international commitment to geodesy, this forum will provide a critical opportunity to mobilize collective action, strengthen national and global geodetic capacity, and ensure the GGSC continues to serve as a reliable and enabling infrastructure for decades to come.

### Objectives

This forum will bring Member State representatives together to:

- **Reflect on and Evaluate Progress Since the Adoption of Resolution 69/266:** Review the achievements, challenges, and lessons learned over the past decade.
- **Strengthen Global Commitment to a Reliable and Sustainable Global Geodesy Supply Chain:** To build consensus on the strategic actions needed to develop and maintain a reliable global geodesy supply chain.
- **Define Priority Actions and Partnerships for the Next Decade:** To identify practical next steps and

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foster multilateral cooperation.

### Provisional agenda

1. **Welcome and Introduction** (5 minutes)

Mr. Nicholas Brown, *Head United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence*

2. **Introductory Remarks** (5 minutes)

Mr. Andreas Løvold, *Permanent Mission, Norway*

3. **Presentation** (20 minutes)

The compass is set; the map is being drawn; then the journey

*Nicholas Brown, Head United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence*

4. **Panel discussion \*** (35 minutes)

**Discussants:**

- Mr. Paula Cirikiyasawa, *Permanent Secretary, Department of Lands and Mineral Resources, Fiji*
- Ms. Laila Løvhøiden, *Special Adviser, Kartverket, Norway*
- Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, *Administrateur-General, NGL, Belgium*
- Mr. Nicolas Paparoditis, *Deputy Director, IGN France*
- Mr. Paul Becker, *President, BKG, Germany*

(\* each discussant will deliver an introductory statement of around 2-3 minutes, as reflections on the focus of the Open Meeting, the three setting-the-scene presentations or to support further discussions and consideration addressing the issue of authoritative data and the evolving geospatial landscape.)

5. **Closing remarks** (5 minutes)

Mr. Nicholas Brown, *Head United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence*

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