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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to invite their Government to designate an expert or experts to the sixteenth session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), which will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 5 to 7 August 2026. The provisional agenda for the meeting will be issued as document E/C.20/2026/1.

This invitation is in pursuance of Economic and Social Council decision 2026/305, adopted at the fourth plenary meeting of ECOSOC on 10 December 2025.

The Committee of Experts was established to provide the leadership to ensure that geospatial information and resources are coordinated, maintained, accessible and able to be leveraged by Member States and society to find sustainable solutions for social, economic, and environmental development. The Committee provides a forum for coordination and dialogue with and among Member States and relevant international organizations on enhanced cooperation in the field of global geospatial information management for the achievement of its operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States. The terms of reference approved by ECOSOC call upon Member States to designate experts 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 Secretary-General would be grateful if the Permanent Representatives of Member States and the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States would inform him of the names of the members of the delegation of their Government who will attend the session, by registering the composition of their delegations in the e-deleGATE portal (under ECOSOC/United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management).

Additionally, e-deleGATE Administrators/Focal Points in the Permanent Missions are requested to register their participants for the session in the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management module of the e-deleGATE portal, with the “Temporary delegate” account, so they could receive Secretariat’s messages, circulated through the portal.

In order to assist the Secretariat with its preparation for the Committee session, the Secretary-General would be grateful to receive as soon as possible the information requested through the aforementioned procedure. The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to request those Governments which may wish to submit country reports, to do so in accordance with the procedures outlined in document E/C.20/2026/2. For further information, please refer to the website of the sixteenth session of the Committee at: <https://www.un.org/globalgeospatial/en/events/annual-sessions/sixteenth>.

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