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Dear Colleagues,

**Sixteenth session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on  
Global Geospatial Information Management  
New York, 5 – 7 August 2026**

I am pleased to inform you that the sixteenth session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 5 – 7 August 2026. The official announcement of the sixteenth session will be issued through a Note Verbale, which will be communicated to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York. Once issued, a copy of the Note Verbale will be provided for your additional reference.

The Committee of Experts continues 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 annual session is the 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. At the sixteenth session, the Committee of Experts will follow up and deliberate on work items from the fifteenth session, including on the achievement of its operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals, the implementation of adopted global geospatial frameworks, the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in particular, and to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States. The sixteenth session will address efforts to enhance the arrangement of the Committee of Experts as a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council in charge of all matters related to geospatial information, geography, land administration, and related topics. It will also address emerging and critical issues, including geospatial information for sustainable development, the future geospatial information ecosystem, climate, environment, and disaster resilience, and authoritative data and emerging technologies.

The Provisional Agenda (E/C.20/2026/1) and the Documentation for the session (E/C.20/2026/2) are available on the website of the sixteenth session of the Committee at <https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/16th-Session>. Other documents and supporting information on the sixteenth session will be posted as they become available. The substantive reports to be discussed during the sixteenth session will also be uploaded to the session's website no later than 15 July 2026.

To assist with your planning and preparation for the sixteenth session, we kindly ask that you note that several important side events and meetings related to the substantive work of the Committee of Experts will be convened on 3 and 4 August 2026, and on the margins of the sixteenth session. A draft overview of the side events and meetings for the week will be available and updated regularly on the website of the sixteenth session.

If you are planning to attend the sixteenth session, you will need to formally request your Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York to register on the e-deleGATE portal under “ECOSOC/United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management” your intention to participate in the session, and the name(s) of all members of your delegation. Your Mission will then request grounds passes to the United Nations premises for you. The contact information for Permanent Missions is available on the following website: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/member-states>. Additionally, we also request that you kindly inform the Secretariat of your participation, as well as the members of your delegation in order to assist the Secretariat with its preparations.

Please note that participation of delegates and experts is at their government’s expense. Arrangements for hotels need to be made by individual participants (or their Mission) at hotels of their own choice. Practical information and updates will be made available to confirmed participants in due course. Should you have any questions or need any assistance regarding the sixteenth session of the Committee of Experts, please do not hesitate to contact the UN-GGIM Secretariat (Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd, Email: [lesourd@un.org](mailto:lesourd@un.org), and Ms. Vilma Frani, Email: [frani@un.org](mailto:frani@un.org)).

I look forward to seeing you in New York and welcoming you and your country’s delegation to the sixteenth session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Mukherjee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small mark above the final letter.

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