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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 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 fourteenth session, including the achievement of 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 the future geospatial information ecosystem, climate, environment, and resilience, and legal and regulatory issues related to emerging technologies.

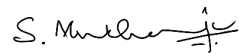
The Provisional Agenda (E/C.20/2026/1) and the Documentation for the session (E/C.20/2026/2) are available on the website of the sixteenth session of the Committee at <https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/16th-Session>. Other documents and supporting information on the sixteenth session will be 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.

We kindly request colleagues from the United Nations system planning to attend the sixteenth session and be invited to participate in the session as an observer, please submit your expression of interest to participate using the online form at <https://forms.gle/cabvqNjZNxctcXtJA> before Friday, 10 July 2026. Practical information and updates will be made available to confirmed participants in due course.

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

Yours sincerely,



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