



Fifth Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM

SIDE EVENT

Information Session: Fundamental / Core Data

Monday, 3 August 2015

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm

Venue: Conference Room B (CR-B)

UN Headquarters, New York

Objectives

There is an ever increasing awareness that geospatial information is now more important than ever for providing the content and context for understanding natural and human systems. There is a need for a set of global fundamental geospatial data themes that can be harmonised in order to be able to measure, monitor and manage sustainable development in a consistent way over time and for evidence-based decision and policy making. The needs and requirements the SDGs are transboundary and transnational, demonstrating the importance of an agreed set of global fundamental geospatial data themes.

UN-GGIM: Europe has a regional working group on core data which is investigating the definition and use of core data, also referred to as fundamental data. There are also a number of existing regional examples which are considering and defining geospatial data themes. The aim of this session is to demonstrate the importance of fundamental data, highlight progress and state of play in different regions. It is proposed that national and regional examples of fundamental data theme initiatives must be the basis for developing agreement of a set of global fundamental geospatial data themes that can be harmonised to address the needs of the sustainable development agenda.

UN-GGIM: Europe proposes to review globally available resources in SDI development, liaise with the other Regional Committees of UN-GGIM to bring together information on the consideration of fundamental geospatial data themes and to lead discussions between interested Member States and Observers in order to develop agreement of a minimum set of global fundamental geospatial data themes required to address the needs of the sustainable development agenda.

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Agenda

Moderator: Mr. Bengt Kjellson, Chair, UN-GGIM: Europe

The session will include presentations from the 3 geospatial experts involved in fundamental geospatial data themes.

1. Welcome and Introduction (5 minutes)

Mr. Bengt Kjellson, UN-GGIM: Europe

2. Presentations (45 minutes)

- a. Mr. Peter ter Haar, UN-GGIM: Europe
- b. Mr. Andre Nonguierma, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- c. Mr. Robert Deakin, Land Information New Zealand

3. Moderated Discussion (35 minutes)

Moderator: Mr. Greg Scott, UN-GGIM Secretariat
Moderated interactive discussion with participants

4. Conclusions and way forward (5 minutes)

Mr. Bengt Kjellson, UN-GGIM: Europe

Background Document

At the session, the following document will be discussed:

Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes (E/C.20/2015/Add.1)

This document is available on the UNGGIM website:

<http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/GGIM5/E-C20-2015-4%20Fundamental%20Data%20Themes%20Report.pdf>

Organizers

The workshop is being coordinated by the UN-GGIM Secretariat and UN-GGIM: Europe.

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