



## Fifth Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM

### SIDE EVENT

### Information Session: Geospatial Standards

**Monday, 3 August 2015**  
**2:00 pm – 3:45 pm**  
**Venue: Conference Room 2 (CR-2)**  
**UN Headquarters, New York**

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#### Objectives

Member States and observers will be briefed on the status and translation of the Standards Guide and companion documents presented to the Committee in 2014. As well as providing an update on the documents, the intent of the session is to answer questions and facilitate discussions on the value of standards and requirements for standards to assist with the implementation of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

#### Agenda

Moderator: Ms. Denise McKenzie – Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)

The workshop will include presentations from the 3 organisations involved in the development of the documents:

1. Denise McKenzie – Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)
2. Robert Ward – International Hydrographic Office (IHO)
3. Olaf Østensen – International Standards Organisation (ISO)

If there are any particular questions that members would like us to prepare for at the session please feel free to contact the chair or any of the presenters to discuss.

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## Outline

1. Update on the translation and publication of the Guide to the Role of Geospatial Standards and Companion Documents
2. Discussion on the use of the documents and their implementations
3. Value of Standards:
  - a. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Bahrain
  - b. Canada
  - c. Australia
4. Role and Requirements for Geospatial Standards in working towards the Sustainable Development Goals

## Background Documents

At the session, the following documents will be discussed:

### **1. *A Guide to the Role of Standards in Geospatial Information Management***

A collaboration by the OGC, IHO & ISO, “the Guide” aims to provide guidance on the importance of standards implementation at the different tiers of maturity in the development of a national spatial data infrastructure.

### **2. *The Companion Document on Standards Recommendations by Tier***

This document is of a technical nature and is an indication of the existing standards provided by OGC, IHO & ISO, and how they may be applied at the different tiers of spatial data infrastructure development.

Both the Guide and the Companion document are available on the UNGGIM website:

[http://ggim.un.org/ggim\\_committee.html](http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html)

## Organizers

The workshop is being coordinated by the UN-GGIM Secretariat and the Open Geospatial Consortium, with the support of the International Hydrographic Organization and the International Standards Organization.

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