

Legal and Policy Frameworks,  
Including Issues Related to  
Authoritative Data

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## Topics for Discussion

- Kuala Lumpur International Forum on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management
- Establishing a Working Group on Legal and Policy Frameworks or Geospatial Information Management
- Compendium on the Licensing of Geospatial Information
- Interactions with International Bar Association

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# Forum on Policy and Legal Frameworks

- Decision 6/105 confirmed the essential need for all legal and policy frameworks that could have an impact on geospatial information be developed through coordination between geospatial community and legal/policy communities
- International Forum on Legal and Policy Issues and Frameworks for Geospatial Information convened in Kuala Lumpur (October 2016)
- UN-GGIM-AP adopted “Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information”:
  - **Consider establishing a working group to explore legal and policy frameworks for geospatial information;**
  - **Develop a strategy and plan of action on legal and policy issues; and**
  - **Contribute to developing capacity within Member States on the legal and policy issues that impact the collection, use storage and dissemination of geospatial information.**

# Working Group on Legal and Policy Frameworks

- Play a leading role in raising awareness and highlighting the importance of sound legal and policy frameworks for geospatial information management in order to promote development, innovation, production consumption, and distribution of geospatial information;
- Proactively explore appropriate legal and policy frameworks for geospatial information management, taking into consideration that good legal and policy frameworks will evolve over time; and
- Support the Committee of Experts in the development of norms, principles and guides, including any regional capacity development initiatives, to significantly increase the availability and accessibility of geospatial information so as to create high-quality, timely and reliable products and services from geospatial information to address critical local, national, regional and international issues.

# Participants To Date

- UN-GGIM: Asia and the Pacific (Australia)
- UN-GGIM: Asia and the Pacific (China)
- Finland
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Sweden
- Centre for Spatial Law and Policy
- International Bar Association
- UN-GGIM: Private Sector Network (Deloitte)
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# Compendium on the Licensing of Geospatial Information

- Seeks to provide guidance on standard legal and licensing terms as they relate to geospatial information licenses so that organizations are better suited to adopt geospatial information licenses for their own geospatial information.
- The goal is for both providers and consumers of geospatial information to be better educated on these important issues so that they can make more informed decisions.
- Consider the development and preparation of training curricula and materials to improve the capacity of Member States in addressing legal and policy frameworks.

# Interactions with International Bar Association

- At its fifth session the Committee of Experts recognized the concerns expressed by Member States regarding a proposed Convention on Geoinformation by the International Bar Association (IBA).
- The Secretariat reached out and engaged the IBA regarding their work on the proposed convention on geoinformation, as well as the Committee's proactive efforts in addressing legal and policy issues that impact the geospatial community.
- Representatives from IBA were invited to attend and participate in the International Forum in Kuala Lumpur in October, 2016.
- The IBA expressed its intention to work closely and in concert with the Committee of Experts and Member States towards a meaningful, effective and sustainable policy, legal and regulatory framework for geospatial information.
- As a result of these efforts, the IBA is no longer proceeding with the proposed Convention on Geoinformation and wishes to support the legal and policy efforts of the Committee as a member of the proposed Working Group on Legal and Policy.

## Points for Discussion

- Take note of the report of the Secretariat on legal and policy frameworks, including the updates and the background discussions provided.
- Endorse the Working Group's establishment, Terms of Reference and initial composition as proposed.
- Take note of the advanced progress of the Compendium on Licensing of Geospatial Information and provide guidance on initiatives to develop and prepare curricula and training materials.
- Express views on the interactions with the International Bar Association.