



Seventh Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM

Side Event

Trends in National Institutional Arrangements

Tuesday, 1 August 2017

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Venue: Conference Room 12 (CR-12)

United Nations Headquarters, New York

Background

At its sixth session in August 2016, the Committee of Experts recognized the complex and broad scope of the work that the Working Group on Trends in National Institutional Arrangements (WG-NIA) was undertaking, noting that there is no single universal solution or model that fits all countries. Reiterating the need to provide Member States with options on how best to create robust national geospatial institutional structures, the Committee encouraged the WG-NIA to continue its work and, to give the work greater focus.

Following the sixth session, the WG-NIA made presentations at two UN-GGIM regional meetings. Based on discussions coming out of these meetings and interventions from Member States representatives and the Bureau, it was agreed that the WG-NIA should focus on generic elements that provide Member States with guidelines and principles with which to make decisions on their national institutional arrangements. To support the work of the WG-NIA the services of a qualified and experienced consultant was contracted. For the past five months, the WG-NIA has worked in tandem with the consultant to prepare national institutional arrangements good practices, guidelines and recommendations, which are being presented to the Committee of Experts at this seventh session for consideration.

Objectives

This side event aims to share with participants the deliverables resulting from the work completed to date in determining national institutional arrangements. These include: the methodologies and approaches employed; the overarching national institutional arrangements framework, based on a set of institutional arrangements instruments; the good practices identified (as per the application of the framework); and the key principles, guidelines and recommendations; to support the creation and/or strengthening of national institutional arrangement for geospatial information management by Member States.

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Presentations will also provide participants with country examples of good practices in the implementation of the national institutional arrangements instruments, and will form the basis of the institutional arrangements instruments guidelines. These guidelines will provide participants with greater insights into the complex issues regarding national institutional arrangements for geospatial information management. Additionally, it is expected that participants will gain a clear understanding of the instruments used, the framework created, and the resulting principles and recommendations identified.

Programme Agenda

- 1. Introduction and Overview of Current Situation (15 minutes)**
 - Mr. Antonio Arozarena, Chair of WG-NIA

- 2. National Institutional Arrangements: Instruments, Principles and Recommendations (30 minutes)**
 - Mr. Joep Cromptoets, University of Leuven, Belgium

- 3. Presentations of Good Practices in Selected Instruments (30 minutes)**
 - **S3. Establishment of a legal framework. Mexico:** Legal Framework of the National Information System for Statistics and Geography
 - **S5. Systems for information exchange and sharing. Singapore:** Range of good practices within this instrument

- 4. Proposed Next Steps (15 minutes)**
 - Mr. Antonio Arozarena, Chair of WG-NIA

- 5. Moderated Discussion and Conclusions (30 minutes)**

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