



# Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General  
24 May 2019

Original: English

---

## Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

### Ninth session

New York, 7–9 August 2019

Item 6 of the provisional agenda\*

### Global geodetic reference frame

## Global geodetic reference frame

### Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the Subcommittee on Geodesy, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the progress made by the Subcommittee in its efforts towards the ongoing implementation of the road map for the enhancement and sustainability of the global geodetic reference frame.

### Summary of the report

At its eighth session, held in New York from 1 to 3 August 2018, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 8/103, in which it endorsed the revised terms of reference for the Subcommittee and the road map implementation plan as the third step in the process of improving the sustainability and enhancing the quality of the global geodetic reference frame. The Committee noted the initial work and progress made on the position paper on governance and requested that the Subcommittee initiate and undertake broad and detailed consultations thereon during the intersessional period and provide an update to the Committee at its ninth session.

In the report, the Subcommittee provides information on its recent activities, including the main outcomes of its second meeting held on the margins of the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress, convened in Deqing, China, in November 2018. The Subcommittee examined and discussed the recommendations and actions described in the road map implementation plan and the position paper on governance; developed its workplan; held a focus session on education, training and capacity-building; planned outreach and communication activities, in particular with appropriate regional initiatives; and identified steps towards strengthening ties and arrangements with the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees. In the report, the Subcommittee also provides an update regarding the position paper on governance for the global geodetic reference frame.

---

\* E/C.20/2020/1.

