



**Ninth Session of the Committee of Experts on
Global Geospatial Information Management**

**Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management
“Operationalizing the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework”**

Tuesday, 6 August 2019

9:00am – 12:30pm

Conference Room 4 (CR-4), General Assembly Building

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CONCEPT NOTE

Geospatial information is presented in many forms and mediums, and provides the integrative platform for all digital data that has a location dimension to it. All countries and all sectors need geospatial information for national development, policy and decision-making, and to achieve sustainable social and economic development. Collaborative information systems that are comprehensive, coordinated and integrated, underpinned by geospatial information technologies and applications, are providing the evidence on ‘where’ people interact with their place, cities and environment, and to deliver timely and reliable information necessary for citizens, organizations and governments to build accountable actions and evidenced-based decisions.

At its eighth session in August 2018, the Committee of Experts adopted Part 1: Overarching Strategic Framework of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), as an overarching strategic policy guide for Member States to reference when developing and strengthening their national and subnational geospatial information management systems and capabilities. The IGIF aims to translate high-level strategic geospatial information concepts into practical implementation guidance and action.

To achieve this, the IGIF comprises three (3) separate, but connected documents. Part 1: Overarching Strategic Framework presents a forward-looking Framework built on national needs and circumstances, and sets the context of ‘why’ geospatial information management is a critical element of national social, economic and environmental development via **vision** and **mission** statements, **seven (7) underpinning principles**, **eight (8) goals** and **nine (9) strategic pathways** that lead to a national approach that takes account of national circumstances, priorities and perspectives as a means for governments to establish more effective geospatial information management arrangements.

Part 2: Implementation Guide is now being developed and is the detail document that provides the ‘what’, the specific guidance, options and actions to be taken by Member States in implementing the IGIF. Expanding on each of the 9 strategic pathways, the Implementation Guide captures strategic to operational needs, and comprises references, good practices and specific guiding principles for each of the strategic pathways, including those generated through each of the Subcommittee, Expert and Working Groups of the Committee of Experts. The aim is for the Implementation Guide to provide guidance for governments to establish ‘nationally’ integrated geospatial information frameworks in such a way that transformational change is enabled, visible and sustainable.

This Forum seeks to interact with delegates and participants of the ninth session to improve understanding of the IGIF, to discuss the development of the Implementation Guide, and to consider some of the approaches being developed to operationalize the IGIF according to national circumstances.

Proposed Agenda

- 09:00 – 09:50** **Welcome and Setting-the-Scene**
Moderator: Ms. Dorine Burmanje, Co-Chair, UN-GGIM
- Welcome and Opening Statements:
Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division
Mr. Wael Zakout, Sr. Technical Advisor, Global Lead, Land and Geospatial, World Bank
- Integrated Geospatial Information Framework - The journey so far
Mr. Greg Scott, UN-GGIM Secretariat, United Nations
- Moderated discussion
- 09:50 – 10:50** **Visioning National Arrangements in Geospatial Information Management**
Moderator: Mr. Colin Bray, Ireland
- Panellists:
Mr. Anders Sandin, Sweden
Ms. Rosamond Bing, Kingdom of Tonga
Mr. Tulu Besha Bedada, Ethiopia
Mr. David Henderson, United Kingdom
Mr. Bandar Al-Muslmani, Saudi Arabia
Mr. Prashant Shukle, Canada
- Moderated discussion
- 10:50 – 11:10** **Break**
- 11:10 – 12:10** **Implementing the Framework – Driven by National Circumstances**
Moderator: Mr. Tim Trainor, IGIF Consultant
- Panellists:
Ms. Meizyanne Hicks, Fiji
Mr. Durwin Humphrey, Guyana
Ms. Bayarmaa Enkhtur, Mongolia
Mr. Ferdinand Bako, Burkina Faso
Mr. Prakash Joshi, Nepal
Mr. Simon Costello, Australia
- Moderated discussion
- 12:10 – 12:30** **Roadmap Ahead and Summary**
Mr. Greg Scott, UN-GGIM Secretariat, United Nations

“This is an open side event and all Session Attendees are invited”

