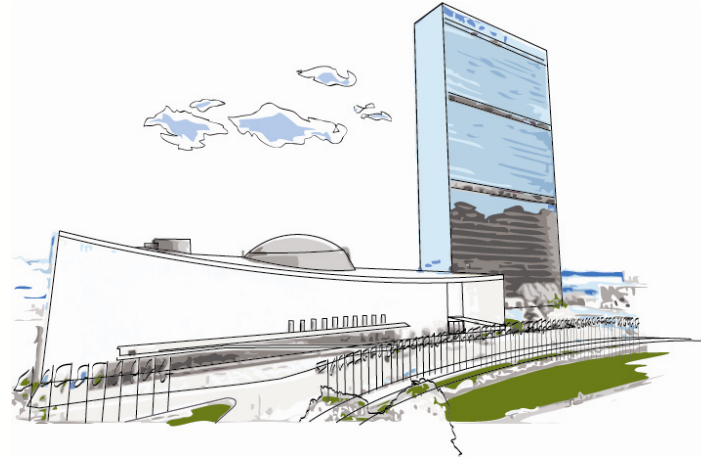


Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

Orientation of the Session



Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
Cartographic Section, Department of Field Support (DFS)
United Nations
24 – 26 July 2013



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Provisional Agenda and Organization of the work of the session:

- Reference to “Provisional Agenda”, “Organization of the work of the session” and “Rules of procedure”:
 - http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/3rd%20UNCE/GGIM-3%20Provisional%20Agenda%20Jun_rev.pdf
 - <http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/3rd%20UNCE/E-C20-2013-L1%20Organization%20of%20Work.pdf>
 - <http://ggim.un.org/docs/meetings/3rd%20UNCE/E-C20-2013-2-Rules%20of%20procedure.pdf>
- The Session of the Committee of Experts will take place on the following dates and times:
 - Wednesday 24 July: 14:00 - 17:30
 - Thursday 25 July: 09:15-12:30, 14:00-17:30
 - Friday 26 July: 09:15-12:30, 14:00-17:30
- Organization of the work of the session:
 - 18 items (2 administrative items, 1 item for endorsement, 9 items for discussion, 5 items for information, and the Report of the Committee)



Third Session of the Committee:

We need you to:

- Actively contribute to the Session
- Share your experiences, ideas and solutions
- Be short in your interventions
- Not dwell on national practices

This is also your chance to meet people from:

- Other National Geospatial Information Agencies
- International organizations
- The private sector
- The United Nations Statistics Division
- Other UN entities



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Rules of procedure:

- The Committee of Experts comprises experts from all Member States. Each Member State is represented by a head of delegation and such other accredited or alternate representatives, experts and advisers as may be required. The head of delegation is the full member of the Committee with voting rights; other accredited or alternate representatives, experts and advisers may participate, without the right to vote, in the discussions. (Rules 2,3)
- The Committee shall elect two co-Chairs and a Rapporteur during each session from among its members, and will constitute the Bureau of the Committee. The two co-Chairs shall act as President. (Rules 7,9)
- The Executive Secretary of the Session is appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. (Rule 8)
- Representatives of a majority of the Member States participating in the Session constitute a quorum. (Rule 13)



Rules of procedure:

- The participants of the Committee are encouraged to have reviewed the reports prior to the Session and have prepared their discussion points and interventions.
- In the course of discussions, the Chair may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Session, declare the list, order of interventions, and when it is closed. No one may address the Session without having previously obtained the permission of the Chair. Debate shall be confined to the questions and issues before the Session. (Rules 17,19,20,21)
- The Session may limit the time allowed to speakers and the number of items the representative of each Member State may speak. The Chair may limit interventions on procedural questions to five minutes, will call a speaker to order if they exceed the allotted time.
- Proposals and amendments shall normally be introduced in writing and submitted to the Secretariat of the Session, who shall circulate copies to the delegations. In general, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. (Rule 22)



Rules of procedure:

- A proposal, amendment or motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that it has not been amended. (Rule 23)
- Each Member State participating in the Session shall have one vote, and the decisions shall be made by a majority of the representatives present and voting. "Representatives present and voting" means casting an affirmative or negative vote. Those who abstain from voting shall be considered not voting. After the President has announced commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the vote. (Rules 25,26,28)
- All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by the Session. (Rule 32)
- If a vote is equally divided, a second vote shall be taken after and adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes. If this vote is also equally divided, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected. (Rule 34)





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