

# Overview of GGIM5: Matters arising from the 5th Meeting of the Committee of Experts

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# Fifth session of the Committee of Experts

The Committee of Experts held its fifth session from 5 to 7 August 2015 at United Nations Headquarters in New York

- 290 participants
- From 85 Member States and international organisations



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# New Bureau of the Committee

- At the start of the 5<sup>th</sup> Session a new Bureau of the Committee was elected
- New Bureau: Timothy Trainor (USA), Rolando Ocampo (Mexico) & Li Pengde (China)
- Vanessa Lawrence, co-Chair for 4 years stepped down



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# EcoSoc Review of GGIM

- The work of the Committee of Experts on GGIM 2011-2015 period will be up for review before UN Economic and Social Council in 2016
- The review will be in April 2016, with reports finalised and submitted to EcoSoc in January 2016
- Draft report is being prepared by Secretariat, for global consultation and then entrusted to the extended Bureau, including the Chairs of the five regional committees



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# Message to EcoSoc from UN-GGIM

Two key messages will be brought before EcoSoc:

- *Committee of Experts has operated effectively and in line with the mandate given by the Council over the past five years, producing tangible outputs*
- *the Committee is well placed to continue its further contribution to the work of the United Nations, especially in the context of the implementation of the sustainable development agenda and disaster risk reduction*



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# Call for a stronger GGIM Mandate

At GGIM5 it was agreed that a call will be made for:

- strengthening the mandate of the Committee of Experts for it to be at the same level as other subsidiary bodies of the Council
- sustainable funding for the operations of the Committee of Experts to ensure its continued effectiveness, conference support, Secretariat support, and funding of the participation of national delegates from developing countries
- some of the funding would need to be secured through the consolidation of activities and the rationalization of the various geospatial bodies within the UN system



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# Items brought before the Committee

1. Activities related to sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda
2. Global geodetic reference frame
3. Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes
4. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other information
5. Application of geospatial information to land administration & management
6. Trends in national institutional arrangements in geospatial information management
7. Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data
8. Implementation & adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community
9. Development of a statement of shared guiding principles for geospatial information management
10. Coordination of United Nations activities related to geospatial information management
11. Knowledge base for geospatial information management
12. Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial agenda
13. Programme review of the work of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management during the 2011-2015 period



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# Work areas of interest to UN-GGIM: Europe

A number of work areas were introduced at the 5<sup>th</sup> Session, some having a stronger relevance to Europe than others:

- Global geodetic reference frame
- Application of geospatial information to land administration & management
- Activities related to sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda
- Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes



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