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WEBINAR TITLE

United Nations Geospatial Network Data Hub: One UN Geospatial Situation Room

INTRODUCTION

Supporting sustainable development requires huge amounts of data including geospatial information from a wide range of sources. Data integration is therefore essential for generating statistics and information necessary to improve the livelihood of people and protect our planet. Data integration is not only a technical process but also requires cooperation between various stakeholders within and across organisations. Like the original situation room in the White House, a geospatial situation room would bring relevant stakeholders together and function as an analysis and advisory body for policy makers by providing integrated, timely and decision ready information. For this situation room to fulfil its mission, the cooperating partners would need to speak the same technical language, have matching technical skills, work on interoperable data infrastructures and technical platforms, and work in organisations that have data integration and cooperation deeply rooted into their culture, organisation, and mission statement.

The goal of this webinar is to introduce the concept of a geospatial situation room using the example of the UN Geospatial Network Hub and other regional data integration cooperation networks and to describe the various contributions, international UN and European organisations can make to the ideal of one global, well-structured technical, semantical and organisation platform for integrated geospatial data.

At the global level, the One United Nations Geospatial Situation Room intends to provide access to data, documents, maps, web-services, and references to the United Nations Secretariat and System activities on geospatial information, committee of experts, mapping groups, and other relevant geo-resources. As such, it comes close to the model of a situation room supporting all UN entities with geospatial information, the latest One UN Geospatial Situation Room concept document was presented at the Thirteenth session of UNGGIM, and an initial version of its hub was made available on the UN Geospatial Network website.

In Europe, UNECE, the European Forum for Statistics and Geography (EFGS) and EU institutions work together on advancing the integration of statistical and geospatial information by developing methodological guidance for data integration and by bringing together users and producers, front runners and less developed countries. In this context, the model of a situation room can be more understood as a learning and information sharing platform. The webinar will also show-case a concrete example of a geospatial situation room. The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission provides several systems and platforms for international disaster and crisis prevention and response that integrate vast amounts of geospatial, statistical and other types of information.



OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the concept of a geospatial situation room
- Describe the various contributions that may come from international organisations towards one global geospatial situation room
- Present international applications of the geospatial situation room concept

AGENDA

1. Introduction by the chair – Mr Francisco VALA – Statistics Portugal and UN-GGIM: Europe (5 minutes)
2. The 'One UN Geospatial Situation Room' of the UN Geospatial Network – Mr Guillaume LE SOURD, UN-GGIM Secretariat (10 minutes)
3. Road mapping geospatial enabled statistics for Sustainable Development and the contribution of the GeoGSBPM – Mr Taeke GJALTEMA, Inter-Regional Adviser Statistics UNECE (10 minutes)
4. How can GSGF: Europe support SDG indicators? – Mr Rossano FIGUEIREDO, EFGS (10 minutes)
5. The European Crisis Management Laboratory (ECML): activities and systems for situational awareness – Ms Marzia SANTINI, European Commission/ JRC (10 minutes)
6. Discussion (30 minutes)
7. Summary (Francisco VALA) (10 minutes)

WEB LINKS TO CONSIDER

https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-Session/documents/UNGeospatialNetwork_2023_one_un_geospatial_situation_room.pdf
<https://oneungeospatial-situationroom-ungis.hub.arcgis.com/>
<https://www.un.org/geospatialnetwork/>
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