



# Status of the UN Global Geospatial Ecosystem Centre of Excellence in Riyadh

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# Response to the **Offer to the United Nations to Establish and host a United Nations Global Geospatial Ecosystem Centre of Excellence in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

## The Decision

...in making decision 13/101(e) at its thirteenth session, the Committee of Experts unanimously “welcomed and supported the commitment from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host and establish a United Nations Global Geospatial Ecosystem Centre of Excellence in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.” With this, the establishment of the Centre of Excellence has now been mandated by the Committee of Experts...



# Why the UN Centre Strengthens and Advances Geospatial Information Management

- To strengthen and advance capacity development capabilities of Member States, especially developing countries
- To strengthen the Geospatial Ecosystem of Member States by:
  - Establishing and operating the United Nations Global Geospatial Ecosystem Centre of Excellence
  - To advance implementation of a core function of UN-GGIM
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# How the UN Centre Strengthens and Advances Geospatial Information Management

- By mobilizing, catalyzing, and facilitating access to global financial, technical, and scientific resources that are needed to:
  - Promote, monitor, and assess the implementation of national geospatial ecosystems including:



General principles



Frameworks



Guides



Standards and methods



Promoting applications of  
geospatial information in other  
fields



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## Current Efforts on the UN Centre of Excellence in Riyadh

The GGIM Bureau and Secretariat are working with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to clarify and refine the scope and remit of the Centre to:



1. Ensure it aligns with the work programme of the Committee of Experts;

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2. Complements the activities and established agendas of the UN Centres in Deqing and Bonn in order to avoid duplication;

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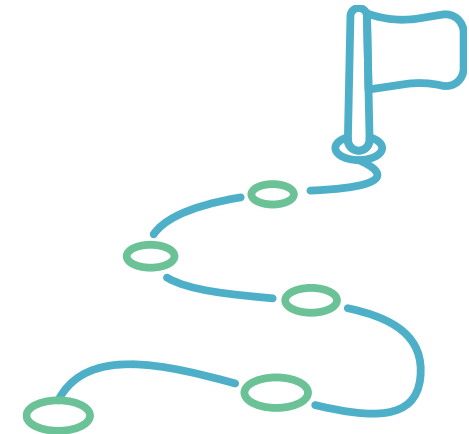
3. Establish means to cooperate and coordinate between the three Centres of Excellence to foster success.

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# A Path Forward on the UN Centre of Excellence in Riyadh

- The Committee of Experts “noted the relevance of the future geospatial ecosystem to the commitment from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host and establish a United Nations Global Geospatial Ecosystem Centre of Excellence in Riyadh...”
- Discussions between the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Nations are underway to contribute to:
  - A Host Country Agreement
  - A Memorandum of Understanding



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# Thank You!

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