

UN-GGIM: Europe Plenary Meeting

UN-Centres of Excellence - an intermediate status -



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UN-GGIM is developing

UN-GGCE (Bonn)



UN-GGKIC (Deqing)



UN-GGECE (Riyadh)

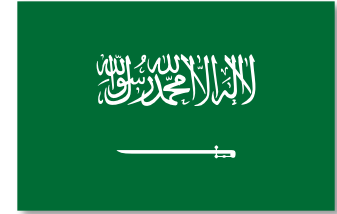


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UN-GGIM is developing



	UN-GGCE (Bonn)	UN-GGKIC (Deqing)	UN-GGECE (Riyadh)
Main Task	Support Geodesy Supply Chain	“Capacity Building” for Implementing IGIF & SDGs	not yet
Budget	0.9 Mio. USD/year (2022-2030)	3.3 Mio. USD/year (2024-2030)	not yet
Staff	4 UN staff 2 secondments BKG „virtual secondments“ from NO, ES, FR, SG, JP	About 20 people	not known yet



1. UN-GGCE in Bonn, Germany

- **Basis:**
Host Country Agreement
- **Achieved:**
40 Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MMOU)
on Strengthening the Global Geodesy Supply Chain
- **In progress:**



Nick Brown
Head of Office, UN-GGCE

Complete the Capacity
Development
Workshops in Asia
Pacific, Americas and
Arab States

Advocacy work for a
geodesy subgroup to
be established within
the European
Commission

Options Paper on
Strengthening
Geodetic Governance

Memorandum of
Agreements (MoA)
with individual
countries



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2. UN-GGKIC in Deqing, China

- **Basis:**
Host Country Agreement with an accompanying MoU
- **Strategic priorities:**
Empowering Member States, Implementing IGIF,
Promote Knowledge and Innovation
- **In progress:**



Dr. Li, Pengde
Director, UN-GGKIC

Conduct regional workshops such as the UN-IGIF Workshop for Southern Africa Sub-Region, 24-28 March 2025, Mozambique

Support leadership development by conducting events such as the Geospatial Leadership Training and Global Forum in Melbourne in March 2025

GeoNOW 2025: Invite key domains to exchange experiences of geospatial applications to promote geospatial solutions for sustainable development



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3. UN-GGEECE in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- **Basis:**
Host Country Agreement planned with an accompanying MoU
- **Strategic priorities:**
unknown
- **In progress:**

Still in the process of establishing the Centre

Cooperation and Coordination with the two existing centres to avoid duplication of work

Possible topic:
Geospatial ecosystem, but not decided yet



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A glimpse into a possible Future:

4. UN-????

Topic:

Landmanagement?

Location:

New continent?

What the future brings...

New chances for UN-GGIM with
Centres of Excellence



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A glimpse into a possible Future

Relevant

Resilient

Reliable

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UN-GGKIC

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How could this idea look like?

Example: Comparison UN-GGIM with Technical Commissions of WMO

What?	UN-GGIM	WMO
Highest decision-making body	Meetings of Committee of Experts	World Meteorological Congress
Coordination of activities in regions	Regional Committees	Regional Associations
Study technical matters and make recommendations	Expert Groups & Working Groups	Technical Commissions
Steering	Co-Chairs	President and three Vice-Presidents
Administration and management	UN Statistics Division (incl. Secretariat)	Secretary-General & Secretariat



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What?	WMO	Responsibilities	WMO
Highest decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (<i>Infrastructure Commission or INFCOM</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Covering globally coordinated Earth system observations, data and prediction systems	World Meteorological Congress
Coordination of regions			Regional Associations
Study technical issues and make recommendations			Technical Commissions
Steering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission for Weather, Climate, Hydrological, Marine and Related Environmental Services and Applications (<i>Services Commission or SERCOM</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Covering globally harmonized services and applications of meteorology, hydrology and related fields to human activities	President and three Vice-Presidents
Administration and management			Secretary-General & Secretariat



Future:

Centres of Excellence combined as a Technical Commission within UN-GGIM?



Fifteenth session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management



No Side Event
on the topic of UN Centres

*postponed,
not cancelled*

16th Session in New York 2026:
Critical Observation of the UN Centres

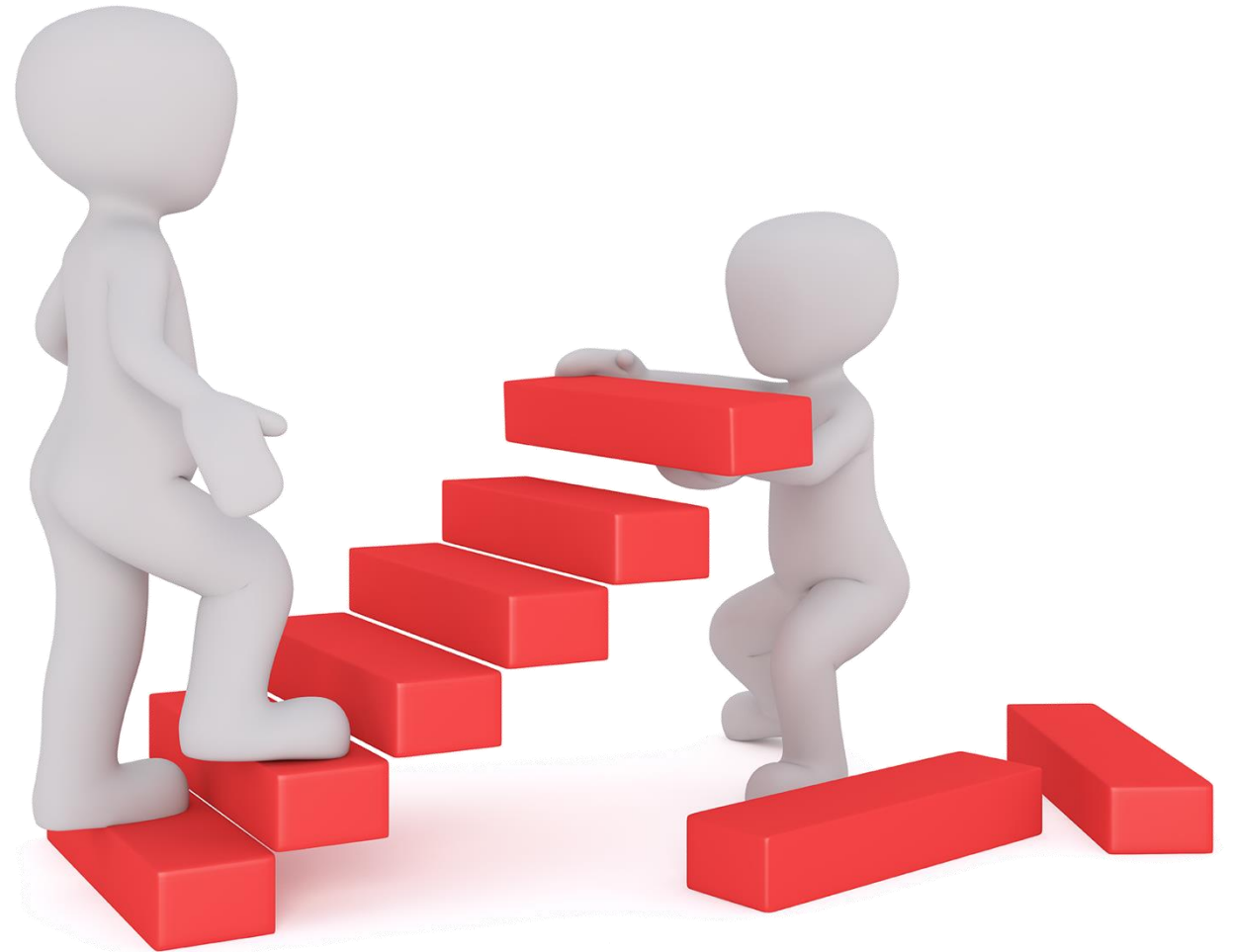


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"We are on the right track!"



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Thank you for your attention!



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