



UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

UN-GGIM Europe
24 June 2025



14th Session of UN-GGIM: decisions

Decision 14/101

Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements

(b) Appreciated the establishment of a **new and enlarged secretariat for the Committee** of Experts dedicated to the Committee's normative and implementation work on global geospatial information management, and in that regard requested the Secretariat to focus, in particular, on (i) supporting the Bureau to develop a strategic framework for the period 2025–2030, (ii) strengthening effective global coordination and governance arrangements for the United Nations global geospatial centres, and (iii) supporting a global programme of national capacity development aligned with the Committee's operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework;

UN80

- In March 2025, UN Secretary-General António Guterres announced the launch of [UN80](#), a comprehensive reform agenda aimed at ensuring the institution remains fit for purpose as it enters its 80th year.
 - streamline operations,
 - realign mandates
 - shift some functions from pricier locales like New York City to lower-cost locations like Nairobi.
- Response to a financial crisis that's squeezing the organization.
- As of May 2025, only 104 of 194 UN Member States [have paid their regular budget assessments](#).
- “The liquidity crisis is caused by one simple fact — arrears... essentially one member state and a few others.” (Guterres speech to Member States on [May 12](#))
 - U.S. [owes \\$1.5 billion in outstanding payments](#).
 - China, the second-largest contributor, has delayed its payments, too.
- The result is hiring freezes, program cuts and uncertainty.

UN80 impact on UN-GGIM

- 99 posts will be cut from UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- The focus is on retaining existing staff
- Unfilled positions are vulnerable
- The initial proposal to the Under Sec. Gen. of UN DESA may have 4-5 unfilled positions from the UN-GGIM Secretariat offered up along with a narrative*.
- No decision until December 2025 when the Member States decide as part of the budget process
- Member States to decide how to use this information for discussion within their governments

*UN80 impact on UN-GGIM narrative

Diminishing geospatial information management arrangements

- Delays in implementing [ECOSOC resolution 2024/22](#) including threats to capacity development associated with gaps in the coordination, knowledge-sharing, resources and impact of the performance of planned number of countries that developed country action plans on geospatial based on the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.

Absence of strengthened Headquarters accountability for the geospatial programme

- Depriving the geospatial programme of oversight and enhanced authority at the Headquarters level would result in lack of internal control mechanism, coherence and clarity regarding the roles and responsibilities including related to coordination, compliance and monitoring of activities in offices away from headquarters (i.e. Geospatial Centres of Excellence in Deqing, Bonn and upcoming Riyadh).

14th Session of UN-GGIM: decisions

Decision 14/101

Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements

(b) Appreciated the establishment of a new and enlarged secretariat for the Committee of Experts dedicated to the Committee's normative and implementation work on global geospatial information management, and in that regard requested the Secretariat to focus, in particular, on (i) **supporting the Bureau to develop a strategic framework for the period 2025–2030**, (ii) strengthening effective global coordination and governance arrangements for the United Nations global geospatial centres, and (iii) supporting a global programme of national capacity development aligned with the Committee's operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework;

Strategic framework 2025-2030

- **7 March** Availability of the *draft* Strategic framework 2025-2030, with timeline and modalities for the consultations
- **10 March** Request to Chairs/Presidents of regional committees for nomination (to be submitted on 17 March)
- **20 March** Brainstorming session (1 of 2) focused on Global context UN-GGIM and Development needs and principles
- **28 March** Brainstorming session (2 of 2) focused on national benefits and deliverables
- **2 April** Processing feedback and availability of the *revised* Strategic framework 2025-2030
- **4 April** Consultations through the Chairs/Presidents of regional committee and their Secretariat
- **4 May** End of the regional consultation and processing feedback on the Strategic framework 2025-2030
- **13 May** Start of the global consultation on the *second revision* of the Strategic framework 2025-2030
- **23 June** End of the global consultation and processing feedback
- **26 June** Consolidation of feedback and finalization of the global consultation and survey
- **27 June** Strategic framework 2025-2030 ready for the report to UN-GGIM
- **6 August** Discussion on the Strategic framework 2025-2030 at the fifteenth session of the Committee of Experts

Appreciation to UN-GGIM Europe for the support

14th Session of UN-GGIM: decisions

Decision 14/101

Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements

(b) Appreciated the establishment of a new and enlarged secretariat for the Committee of Experts dedicated to the Committee's normative and implementation work on global geospatial information management, and in that regard requested the Secretariat to focus, in particular, on (i) supporting the Bureau to develop a strategic framework for the period 2025–2030, (ii) **strengthening effective global coordination and governance arrangements for the United Nations global geospatial centres**, and (iii) supporting a global programme of national capacity development aligned with the Committee's operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework;

Strengthening global coordination for the UN global geospatial centres

- Supporting organization and proceedings of IAC meetings
- Coordination meetings with the Global GIM team (since March)
- Shared calendars to coordinate activities and avoid overlaps
- Information session to support on-boarding process of new staff
- Shared slides for coordination and information sharing to functional groups
- ...

Limited given (no) resources at the Secretariat

14th Session of UN-GGIM: decisions

Decision 14/101

Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements

(b) Appreciated the establishment of a new and enlarged secretariat for the Committee of Experts dedicated to the Committee's normative and implementation work on global geospatial information management, and in that regard requested the Secretariat to focus, in particular, on (i) supporting the Bureau to develop a strategic framework for the period 2025–2030, (ii) strengthening effective global coordination and governance arrangements for the United Nations global geospatial centres, and (iii) **supporting a global programme of national capacity development** aligned with the Committee's operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework;

Supporting a global programme of national capacity development

- Regular bureau meetings
- In-person expanded Bureau
- Strengthening regional committees
- Expert meetings proceedings
- In-country workshop on UN-IGIF
- Support to establishment of global centres, including recruitment
- ...

Limited given (no) resources at the Secretariat

14th Session of UN-GGIM: decisions

Decision 14/101

Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements

(f) Recommended a **dedicated and easily accessible web presence** for the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre on the website of the Committee of Experts, alongside the links to the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence and the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework;

(g) Requested the Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat, to initiate preparations for the Third United Nations **World Geospatial Information Congress**, to be convened after the sixteenth session of the Committee of Experts, in 2026, and to report back to the Committee at its fifteenth session;

World Geospatial Information Congress 2026

- 3 February Bureau requested to initiate the process
- 10 February Letter sent by Secretariat to seek expression of interest
- 16 April Letter to request detailed bid for interested Member States
- 16 June Detailed bid received
- In July Selected hosting country announced in the report on “Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements”

Website and knowledge management

- March Prototyping and administrative processes
- August Website migration
- November New UN-GGIM website online (expected)

14th Session of UN-GGIM: decisions

Decision 14/101

Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements

(e) Also acknowledged the importance of ensuring the currency of and translating and **publishing the Framework suite of documents and resource materials to facilitate the implementation of the Framework by countries**, and in that regard appreciated the translation efforts undertaken by a task team comprising volunteer translators from Member States and the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees and Academic Network, and requested the Bureau to consider a translators network, as a thematic network of the Committee of Experts, dedicated to the translation of the Committee's documents

Publishing the Framework suite of documents and resource materials

Part 1: Overarching Strategy

Part 1 : Overarching Strategy sets the context of 'why' geospatial information management needs to be strengthened and why it is a critical element of national social, economic and environmental development. It focusses on the role of geospatial information in the digital age and how that information is integral to government functions at all levels. The Overarching Strategy communicates this via vision and mission statements, seven (7) underpinning principles, eight (8) goals and nine (9) strategic pathways, all of which are aligned to strategic national to global drivers. The roadmap for implementing the Framework occurs primarily through the nine strategic pathways. These lead to an approach that considers national circumstances, priorities and perspectives as a means for governments to establish more effective geospatial information management arrangements.

Part 1: Overarching Strategy

► **Second Edition:** [English](#) | [French](#) | [Russian](#) | [Serbian](#) | [Spanish](#)

► **First Edition:** [English](#) | [French](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Spanish](#)

<https://ggim.un.org/UN-IGIF/part1.cshtml>

Publishing the Framework suite of documents and resource materials

Part 2: Implementation Guide

2022 versions

- ▶ Solving the Puzzle - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [German](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 1: Governance and Institutions - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [German](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 2: Policy and Legal - [English](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 3: Financial - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 4: Data - [English](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 5: Innovation [English](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 6: Standards - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 7: Partnerships - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 8: Capacity and Education - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)
- ▶ Strategic Pathway 9: Communication and Engagement - [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)

<https://ggim.un.org/UN-IGIF/part2.cshtml>

Discussed at the Expanded Bureau meeting (Jeddah, February 2025)

Fifth plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the meeting of the Bureau and its Expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts

Jedah, Saudi Arabia

2-4 February 2025



UNITED NATIONS
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



GEOSA

الهيئة العامة للمساحة
والمعلومات الجيومكانية
General Authority for Survey
and Geospatial Information



Agenda item – Climate, environment and resilience

- Note **points for discussion** from the [summary report](#):

Both reports contain information on the meetings and discussions held between the two groups in the later part of the intersessional period with a view to forging coordination and coherence on strategic orientations and synergies with regard to activities related to geospatial information for climate, environment and resilience. The reports also include points for discussion for the Committee of Experts related to providing inputs and guidance on the substantive content associated with the agenda item; encouraging Member States and relevant interested experts to contribute to forthcoming consolidated activities under the agenda item; and expressing its views on the preparation of a single holistic report, including a workplan, in which climate, the environment and resilience are considered, to be presented to the Committee at its sixteenth session.

Agenda item – Future geospatial information ecosystem

- Summary report (online)
- Main report (upcoming)
- Position paper on the Future geospatial information ecosystem (upcoming)
- **Points for discussion** will include consideration on the continuation of the agenda item



15th Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, UN-GGIM

United Nations Headquarters, 6-8 August 2025

Fifteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management – Reporting

DUE DATES !

Summary reports:	2 May 2025
Full reports:	27 June 2025
Background docs:	11 July 2025

E/C.20/2025/1	Provisional agenda for the fifteenth session [...]
E/C.20/2025/2	Documentation for the session
E/C.20/2025/3	Organization of work
E/C.20/2025/4	Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements
E/C.20/2025/5	Contribution of regional committees to the global geospatial information agenda
E/C.20/2025/6	Contribution of thematic networks to the global geospatial information agenda
E/C.20/2025/7	The future geospatial information ecosystem
E/C.20/2025/8	United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework
E/C.20/2025/9	Global geodetic reference frame
E/C.20/2025/10	Geospatial information for sustainable development
E/C.20/2025/11	Geospatial information for climate, environment and resilience
E/C.20/2025/12	Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information
E/C.20/2025/13	Integrated geospatial information for effective land administration and management
E/C.20/2025/14	Integrated marine geospatial information
E/C.20/2025/15	Policy and legal frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data and emerging technologies
E/C.20/2025/16	Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community
E/C.20/2025/17	Standardization of geographical names and collaboration with UNGEGN
E/C.20/2025/18	Contribution of UN global geospatial centres (away from Headquarters) to enhancing GGIM arrangements

Online side events on 'the road to the fifteenth session of UN-GGIM'

https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/15th-Session/side_event/calendar.cshtml

4 June 2025 (Wednesday)

Morning

Time: 08:00 - 09:00 a.m. EDT

Strategic Framework 2025-2030:
information session and survey
presentation

Organizer: Bureau/Secretariat

Online

Register here

PPT Video



Webinar: Global consultation on UN-GGIM Strategic Framework 2025–2030

Details

This information session will introduce the proposed **Strategic Framework 2025–2030** of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management ([UN-GGIM](#)) and ongoing global consultation to gather views from Member States and relevant stakeholders.

With the recently adopted guidance from [Pact for the Future](#) and its accompanying [Global Digital Compact](#), and outcome document of [Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS](#) in mind, the Strategic Framework 2025-2030 of the Committee of Experts is a critical document which guides the direction and sets out the overarching orientations and direction for the Committee of Experts.

The proposed Strategic Framework addresses decision 14/101 (b) of the [fourteenth session](#) of the Committee of Experts in 2024 in which it "requested the Secretariat to focus, in particular, on supporting the Bureau to develop a Strategic Framework for the period 2025–2030".

This information session will provide background and insights on the proposed Strategic Framework 2025-2030, and details about the survey.

Responses to the online survey on the Strategic Framework 2025-2030 are requested by 23 June 2025:

<https://forms.office.com/e/fUzup7EpR4>

The Secretariat will consolidate the inputs and, together with the Bureau, finalize the Strategic Framework for consideration and adoption by the Committee of Experts at its [fifteenth session](#) in August 2025.

This event has passed.

Details

- Wed, Jun 04
- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM EDT
- Online event

Register

Speakers (4)



Ingrid Vanden Berghe
Co-Chair UN-GGIM



Fernand Eanes BALE
Co-Chair UN-GGIM



Deirdre Bishop (CENSUS/G...
Co-Chair UN-GGIM



Stefan Schweinfest
Director UN Statistics Division

Online side events on 'the road to the fifteenth session of UN-GGIM'

https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/15th-Session/side_event/calendar.cshtml

4 June 2025 (Wednesday)

Morning

Time: 08:00 - 09:00 a.m. EDT

Strategic Framework 2025-2030:
information session and survey
presentation

🏛️ Organizer: Bureau/Secretariat

💻 Online

📝 Register here

[PPT](#) [Video](#)

11 June 2025 (Wednesday)

Morning

Time: 08:00 - 10:00 a.m. EDT

Interregional dialogue: Implementing the
UN Integrated Geospatial Information
Framework

🏛️ Organizer: UN-GGIM: Americas

💻 Online

📝 Register here

[PPT1](#) [PPT2](#) [PPT3](#)
[PPT4](#) [PPT5](#) [PPT6](#)
[Video](#)

18 June 2025 (Wednesday)

Morning

Time: 8:00 - 09:00 a.m. EDT

Future Geospatial Information
Ecosystem

🏛️ Organizer: WT on the Future
Geospatial Information Ecosystem

💻 Online

📝 Register here

27 June 2025 (Friday)

Morning

Time: 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. EDT

Interregional dialogue: The Global
Statistical and Geospatial Framework

🏛️ Organizer: UN-GGIM: Americas

💻 Online

📝 Register here

3 July 2025 (Thursday)

Morning

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. EDT

Introduction 1: Getting ready before the
session

🏛️ Organizer: Bureau

💻 Online

📝 Register here

10 July 2025 (Thursday)

Morning

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. EDT

Interregional dialogue: GeoAI (Artificial
Intelligence)

🏛️ Organizer: UN-GGIM: Americas

💻 Online

📝 Register here

17 July 2025 (Thursday)

Morning

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT

Unlocking FELA: A Global Dialogue on
Land Administration

🏛️ Organizer: EG-LAM

💻 Online

📝 Register here

Fifteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management – Side events (4 August 2025)

Schedule	Conference Room 12	Conference room 11	Conference room A	Conference room B	Conference Room C
10:00 a.m.			Meeting of UN-GGIM: Americas	Meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe	Meeting of UN-GGIM: Africa
11:15 a.m.			Cung/Wallah	Lyubov/Aigerim	Mark/Mina
11:30 a.m.			Meeting of UN-GGIM: Arab States	Meeting UN-GGIM-AP	Meeting of the Thematic Networks
12:45 p.m.			Cung/Wallah	Lyubov/Aigerim	Mark/Mina
15:00 p.m.	Climate, environment, and resilience	Sixth plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework UN-GGKIC			
16:15 p.m.	Aigerim/Mina				
16:45 p.m.	The evolving digital landscape				
18:00 p.m.	Aigerim/Mina				

Fifteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management – Side events (5 August 2025)

Schedule	Conference room 4	Conference Room 11
10:00 a.m.	Forum Authoritative data: geodesy, land, marine Nick/GGCE	Sixth plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework UN-GGKIC
11:15 a.m.		
11:30 a.m.	Forum Celebrating the 10 years of the Global Geodesy Reference Frame Resolution Nick/GGCE	
12:45 p.m.		
15:00 p.m.	Forum Geospatial leadership UN-GGKIC/Aigerim	
16:15 p.m.		
16:45 p.m.	Forum IGIM for development agendas Mark / Aigerim	
18:00 p.m.		