

ECOSOC Joint Bureaux Meeting Talking Points – January 31, 2020

Established by ECOSOC in 2011, UN-GGIM is the apex intergovernmental mechanism for making joint decisions and setting directions with regard to the production, availability and use of geospatial information within national, regional and global policy frameworks. The annual theme of ECOSOC and the HLPF informs the work of UN-GGIM. UN-GGIM's work is conducted in the context of developing geospatial methods, norms, frameworks and standards to assist Member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other development agendas, including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and their national priorities.

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, specific national to global geospatial frameworks developed or adopted by UN-GGIM include the: **Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, Global Statistical Geospatial Framework, Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters** and **Framework for Effective Land Administration**.

The development of these frameworks is augmented by capacity building efforts to support the implementation, communication and promotion of UN-GGIM's work and, in-turn to support the broader attainment of the 2030 Agenda and other global agendas. In addition, a number of other key efforts are taking place which the Council may be interested in. These include:

- The convening of the Sixth High Level Forum on UN-GGIM, with the theme '**Changing the World - Geospatially**' with the government of the United Kingdom in Windsor, United Kingdom from 20-22 April 2020;
- The tenth annual session of UN-GGIM here in New York in August 2020, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Committee. Forums, expert meetings, workshops and seminars supplement the annual session;
- The development of the strategic insight document, "**Future Trends in Geospatial Information Management**", which informs countries and the global geospatial information community on emerging trends in technology, legal and policy, skills and training, the private and non-governmental sectors, and in the role of government in strengthening geospatial information;
- Supporting efforts by UNSD/DESA to establish a Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre in Deqing, China in partnership with the Government of China, to foster and strengthen geospatial innovation, technical assistance and capacity building efforts.

The mandate of UN-GGIM is provided by ECOSOC resolution "**Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management**" (E/RES/2011/24). ECOSOC strengthened this mandate in July 2016 by its resolution "**Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management**" (E/RES/2016/27). In 2021, UN-GGIM will report back to ECOSOC regarding its continued efforts to work with the Statistical Commission and with the entire United Nations system and to integrate geospatial and statistical information systems and, in this context, to examine the strengthening of the institutional arrangements of UN-GGIM.