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## UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (UN-GGIM)

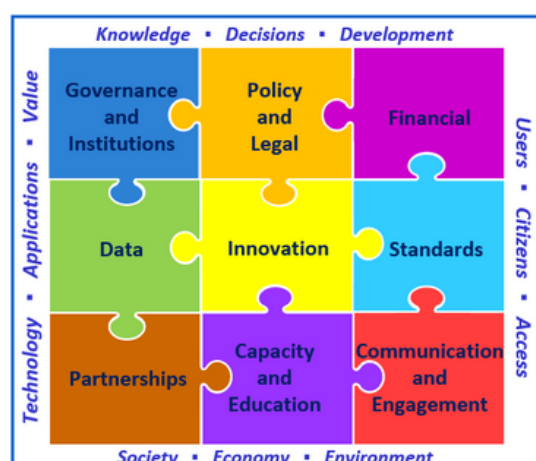
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### ANCHORED BY INTEGRATED GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FRAMEWORK



AN OVERARCHING PARADIGM AND MECHANISM  
FOR STRENGTHENING AND ENHANCING  
NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION  
MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN ALL MEMBER  
STATES

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### THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IS COMMITTED TO ITS OPERATIONS FOCUSED ON THE SDGS AND THE UN-IGIF

#### FOURTEENTH SESSION ON UN-GGIM

##### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...

#### A NEW AND ENLARGED SECRETARIAT FOR THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

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.

#### ENDORSED THE NEW HLG-IGIF STRATEGIC PLAN

The High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF) provides the strategic leadership, promotion, coordination, planning and oversight to successfully sustain the acceptance and implementation of the UN-IGIF.

See: [HLG-IGIF Strategic Plan](#)

#### APPLYING GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION TO CLIMATE CHALLENGES

Geospatial information plays a vital role in informing resilience, adaption, and mitigation efforts. Through its report on “Applying geospatial information to climate challenges” the UN-GGIM Task Team on Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience considers the application of geospatial information to climate challenges through the lens of integrated geospatial information management, and demonstrates how the global geospatial community is already stepping forward to meet these challenges and remains committed to applying geospatial information to climate challenges.

See: [Applying geospatial information to climate challenges](#)

#### STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION WITH ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES

The Committee of Experts works with the Statistical Commission and the Group of Experts on Geographical Names (both are subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC) on areas related to the integration of geospatial information and statistics and standardization of geographical names. A joint project with UNGEGN encourages Member States to identify and document good practices including to support the recognition of cultural heritage associated with geographical names.

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### THE SEVENTH HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON UN-GGIM

ACCELERATING IMPLEMENTATION:  
ACHIEVING RESILIENCE

The Seventh High-Level Forum on UN-GGIM brought together over 220 participants from more than 45 countries on the theme of “Accelerating Implementation; Achieving Resilience” to discuss how geospatial information supports resilient and sustainable development.

UN-GGIM's programme of work is anchored in enhancing partnerships, fostering collaboration, and intensifying commitment to implementing the UN-IGIF by Member States. The UN-IGIF, as the overarching strategic framework, is crucial for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), addressing climate-related challenges, and ensuring that no one is left behind.



17 PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



### GLOBAL UN CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE TO ENHANCE GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



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GEODETIC  
CENTRE OF  
EXCELLENCE

#### BONN, GERMANY

Focused on implementing resolution 69/266 - A global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development, the Centre is providing the needed coordination to assist Member States and geodetic organizations to coordinate and collaborate to sustain, enhance, access and utilize an accurate, accessible and sustainable Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) to support science, society and global development. A draft First Joint Development Plan for Global Geodesy is being prepared in consultation with Member States and relevant space agencies and geodetic organizations including to address the hidden risk in the global geodesy supply chain.

See the report on [“Hidden Risk: How weaknesses in the global geodesy supply chain could have catastrophic impacts on critical infrastructure and national economies”](#)



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#### DEQING, CHINA

The Committee of Experts endorsed the Strategic Plan of the Centre to steer its annual work plan towards the ambitions of implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework set by Member States, to develop capacities, promote and support the required leadership, innovation and coordination to develop, strengthen, integrate and deliver national geospatial information policy, systems, and services, and capabilities into their national government development policies, strategies and arrangements.

See: [UN-GGKIC Strategic Plan](#)

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