

Ref No	Report Title & Link	Points for discussion:	Notes from UN-GGIM: Europe Executive Committee
E/C.20/20 20/4/Add.1	<p>Strengthening geospatial information management</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p><u>Colin</u></p>	<p>49. The Committee is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the present report and express its views on the efforts of the Expanded Bureau and Secretariat to take practical and strategic actions to strengthen geospatial information management for Member States;</p> <p>(b) Take note of the efforts to improve and strengthen national geospatial information capacity-building in developing countries, and the extra-budgetary resources made available via several funding options and mechanisms;</p> <p>(c) Express its views on the establishment of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre in Deqing, China, and the role of the Committee in contributing to the aims and activities of the Centre;</p> <p>(d) Take note of the outcomes of the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) convened in Deqing, China; the upcoming Sixth High Level Forum on UN-GGIM in the United Kingdom in April 2020; and the revision of the Future Trends report;</p> <p>(e) Provide guidance on the possible modalities of the selection process for hosting future iterations of the UNWGIC and High Level Forums; and</p> <p>(f) Provide guidance on further strategies and pathways the Committee may need to consider in its preparations to report back to ECOSOC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the report of the Secretariat and acknowledges the efforts of the Expanded Bureau and Secretariat to take practical and strategic actions to strengthen geospatial information management for Member States • UN-GGIM: Europe notes the intention of establishing a United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre in Deqing, China. This will provide opportunities for building global geospatial capacity and capability to improve and strengthen national geospatial information management to assist developing countries to implement the SDGs. The Regional Committee notes that it is important to ensure coherence of the aims and activities of the Centre with those of the Committee of Experts. • While UN-GGIM: Europe notes and appreciates extra-budgetary resources made available via several funding options and mechanisms to strengthen national geospatial information capacity-building, we would like to draw the Committee's attention to an outcome from the recent UN-GGIM: Europe Plenary meeting: that the United Nations relocates appropriate existing resources towards geospatial activities. In addition, UN-GGIM: Europe encourages all Member States to consider secondment opportunities to assist with the Committee's aims and activities at global, regional and national level. UN-GGIM: Europe also encourages regional activities which promote and enhance capacity and capability development in line with the aims of UN-GGIM. • UN-GGIM: Europe commends the outcomes of the first

		<p>within the next 1-2 years.</p>	<p>United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) convened in Deqing, China last year. And looks forward to contributing to the upcoming Sixth High Level Forum on UN-GGIM in the United Kingdom in April 2020, the first to be held in Europe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe notes the review of the Future Trends report, and encourages the Member States and relevant stakeholders to contribute to the global consultation currently underway. • UN-GGIM: Europe notes the
<p>E/C.20/20 20/5/Add.1</p>	<p>Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda</p> <p>Background documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa • Americas • Arab States • Asia Pacific • Europe • Academia • Geospatial Societies • Private Sector (<i>forthcoming</i>) • UN system Network 		<p>No comments here since we present a report</p>

	<p><i>(forthcoming)</i></p> <p>Summary English</p>		
<p>E/C.20/20 20/6/Add.1</p>	<p>Integrated Geospatial Information Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background documents Strategy Pathway 1 - Governance and Institutions FIRST DRAFT Strategy Pathway 4 - Data FIRST DRAFT Strategy Pathway 7 - Partnerships FIRST DRAFT Strategy Pathway 9 - Communication and Engagement FIRST DRAFT <p>Summary English</p> <p>David</p>	<p>47. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the present report and express its views on the activities and progress of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and its Part 2: Implementation Guide;</p> <p>(b) Express its views on the process of the expert consultative meetings and the subsequent preparations of the Implementation Guide and the ensuing global consultation;</p> <p>(c) Express its views and provide guidance on the way forward for Part 3: Country-level Action Plans, with expert support from UNSD, the World Bank and a number of pilot countries; and</p> <p>(d) Provide any further guidance regarding the way forward on new developments regarding strengthening national geospatial information management, and to assist countries to bridge the geospatial digital divide.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the report of the Secretariat, prepared with the assistance of the World Bank Group, and notes with pleasure the considerable work and progress advanced with regard to the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and its Part 2: Implementation Guide since the Committee's last session. • UN-GGIM: Europe fully supports the process of expert consultative meetings, believing that is crucial to have a global perspective for developing the Implementation Guide. The Regional Committee was pleased to facilitate the consultation in Europe in the margins of its Sixth Plenary Meeting. • UN-GGIM: Europe also supports the global consultation of the Implementation guide later this year, and suggests that this is open to both Member States and relevant stakeholders from the UN-GGIM community, this will help ensure a strong and robust guide. • The Regional Committee welcomes the initiative to develop country-level Action Plans in parallel and coordination with the Implementation Guide, since these act as a pilot to test the guide. UN-GGIM: Europe also notes that the templates for the IGIF Toolkit will be updated to fully align with the forthcoming Implementation Guide, and strongly welcomes the realisation that one size does not fit all and that an approach to consider national circumstances is being introduced. • UN-GGIM: Europe will support endeavours to bring together Member States and development partners interested in implementing the IGIF and National

			Action Plans.
E/C.20/20 20/7/Add.1	<p>Global geodetic reference frame</p> <p>Background document A Position Paper of the UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy Working Group on Governance</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p><u>Susanne</u></p>	<p>32. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the present report and the work of the Subcommittee on Geodesy;</p> <p>(b) Note the Subcommittee's agreement on the International Terrestrial Reference System (ITRS) and the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF) as annexed to this present report;</p> <p>(c) Express its views and provide guidance on the revised draft Position Paper on Governance (provided as a background paper to this present report) that recommends, inter alia, the creation of a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence, and subsequent determination of its modalities in cooperation with the Committee of Experts and financial donors;</p> <p>(d) Encourage Member States to actively participate in the working groups of the Subcommittee to ensure even geographical representation and a balance between developed and developing nations; and</p> <p>(e) Take note of the next meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy, to be convened on the margins of the Sixth High Level Forum on UN-GGIM in the United Kingdom in April 2020.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe notes the report provided by the Subcommittee and acknowledges the activities and progress made in the past 12 months. • UN-GGIM: Europe notes and welcomes the significant revisions to the governance position paper, now taking into account the need to balance the longer-term vision and operational requirements of the global geodetic reference frame. • The Regional Committee also notes the Subcommittee's recommendation in the position paper to establish a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence. UN-GGIM: Europe also welcomed that a forum was convened at this ninth session of the Committee where the position paper was presented for consultation and feedback. The Regional Committee suggests that a global consultation on this position paper is launched to garner a broader view and to understand how practical and operational requirements of the global geodetic reference frame can be implemented. • UN-GGIM: Europe encourages Member States to actively participate in the working groups of the Subcommittee to ensure even geographical representation and a balance between developed and developing nations. The Regional Committee also asks the Sub-Committee to communicate regularly with the members of all the regions.
E/C.20/20 20/8/Add.1	<p>Geospatial information for sustainable development</p>	<p>34. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the present report and express its views on the activities and progress in advancing the role of geospatial information for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the report presented by the working group, and notes the activities and work undertaken to advancing the role of geospatial information for sustainable development.

	<p>Summary English</p> <p><u>Antonio</u></p>	<p>sustainable development;</p> <p>(b) Express its views on the current development with the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators, and provide guidance on the way forward; and</p> <p>(c) Provide any further guidance regarding the way forward to ensure that the contribution of the global geospatial information community to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda remains rigorous and relevant.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a bid to ensure that contributions of the geospatial information community to the 2030 Agenda remain rigorous and relevant UN-GGIM: Europe established a Regional Working Group that is focused on the regional cooperation between the geospatial, statistical and in the near future, environmental communities. This helps for the better integration of processes for monitoring the global indicators with a European perspective. This Regional Group collaborates strongly with the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators. It is suggested that a similar approach in other regions will strengthen the global community's contribution to the 2030 Agenda.
<p>E/C.20/20 20/9/Add.1</p>	<p>Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information</p> <p>Background document The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p><u>Tomaz</u></p>	<p>37. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the present report and express its views on the activities and progress of the Expert Group;</p> <p>(b) Express its views towards the adoption of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) provided as a background document to this present report, noting that it has been developed and agreed by consensus through broad global consultation with Member States and related UNGGIM instruments;</p> <p>(c) Express its views for the Expert Group to continue its work to support the implementation of the GSGF, particularly the proposed implementation guide and supporting material for the GSGF, along with the Expert Group's short-term and longer-term statistical-geospatial interoperability projects;</p> <p>(d) Consider and recommend options available</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe notes the report provided by the Expert Group and acknowledged the activities and progress made in the past 12 months. • The Regional Committee notes positively that the GSGF has been developed and agreed by consensus through a broad consultation process, and therefore welcomes this framework as an important bridge between the statistical and geospatial professional domains, communities and work practices. • UN-GGIM: Europe supports that the Expert Group continues in its work, particularly the further development of the GSGF as a living document via a wiki and augmenting it with an implementation guide to complement its implementation at the national and regional level. • The Regional Committee Efforts also supports efforts to further promote and raise awareness of the GSGF and will actively encourage opportunities for such promotion in relevant meetings and events in Europe, particularly within

		<p>to Member States and partners to actively support the work of the Expert Group in promoting and supporting the implementation of the GSGF, particularly through participation and resources; and</p> <p>(e) Provide guidance on steps to promote and socialise the GSGF, specifically with respect to key elements of the work programme of the Committee of Experts, such as the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.</p>	<p>the statistical and geospatial communities.</p>
<p>E/C.20/20/20/10/Add.1</p>	<p>Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management</p> <p>Background document: Framework for Effective Land Administration</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p><u>Fabio</u></p>	<p>31. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the present report on the activities and progress of the Expert Group;</p> <p>(b) Take note and express its views on the development and formulation of the Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA) provided as a background document to this present report; and</p> <p>(c) Express its views and provide guidance on the way forward, including a global consultation process involving Member States and related stakeholders, and for the FELA to be presented to the Committee for consideration and adoption at its tenth session.</p>	<p>“ UN-GGIM: Europe acknowledges the report presented by the Expert Group and notes the various activities carried out during the intersessional period.</p> <p>“ UN-GGIM: Europe particularly welcomes the decision by the Expert Group that the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework was the basis and the reference for its formulation of the Framework for Effective Land Administration. The Regional Committee also welcomes the decision by the Expert Group to increasing its engagement, coordination and collaboration with the broader UN-GGIM community.</p> <p>“ UN-GGIM: Europe strongly supports that the FELA is submitted to a global consultation process involving Member States and related stakeholders to be subsequently presented to the Committee at its tenth session next year. UN-GGIM: Europe strongly encourages participation and responses to the consultation, to ensure a global perspective to the FELA.</p>
<p>E/C.20/20/20/11/Add.1</p>	<p>Marine geospatial information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background 	<p>22. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the present report on the activities and progress of the Working Group;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the report presented by the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information and commends the progress made in the past 12 months. Particularly

	<p>document Work Plan 2019 - 2020</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p>Tomaz</p>	<p>(b) Encourage members of the Regional Committees of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa and the Arab States to consider participating in the activities of the Working Group;</p> <p>(c) Express its views and provide guidance on the way forward, including on its work plan and use-case exercise.</p>	<p>noting the enlargement of the Working Group to include 20 Member States, together with representatives from the broader UN-GGIM community. It is noted however that not all five UN-GGIM Regions are represented in the group; UN-GGIM: Europe therefore encourages members from unrepresented regions to participate in the Working Group activities to ensure that all views and interests are represented in the Committee's work on Marine Geospatial Information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the proposal of a use-case, believing that this exercise is a helpful way for the Working Group to explore the issues, challenges and good practices, and to develop solutions in the collection and use of marine geospatial information. The Regional Committee understands that the exercise will initially gather information from members of the Working Group, however it strongly encourages that the use-case exercise is carried out more widely at a global level.
<p>E/C.20/20 20/12/Add. 1</p>	<p>Geospatial information and services for disasters</p> <p>Background document UN-GGIM Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters</p>	<p>32. The Committee is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the present report of the Working Group, and express its views on the proposed next steps and future work of the Working Group as outlined in section IV above;</p> <p>(b) Endorse the UN-GGIM Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters Assessment Survey (provided as a background document to this present report) as a tool for Member States to develop national implementation plans for geospatial information and services in support of disaster risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe notes the report presented by the Working Group, welcomes the progress made by the Working Group during the intersessional period. The Regional Committee supports the continued work and proposed future tasks as identified in the five potential areas outlined in the report for this Working Group. • UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the UN-GGIM Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters Assessment Survey as a tool for Member States to develop and/or improve national implementation plans for

	<p>- Assessment Survey</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p>David</p>	<p>reduction and management; and</p> <p>(c) Urge Member States, the United Nations system, and, relevant international organizations to implement the Strategic Framework nationally and regionally, and to participate in the future activities of the Working Group.</p>	<p>geospatial information and services in support of disaster risk reduction and management, and also encourages its use at regional levels since disasters cross borders and boundaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe encourages Member States to engage with the Working Group to provide good practices and priorities for actions learned in the implementation of the Strategic Framework, and to support ongoing capacity-building.
<p>E/C.20/20 20/13/Add. 1</p>	<p>Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data</p> <p>Background documents Guidance and Recommended Actions aligned with IGIF Strategic Pathway 2 Work Plan 2019 / 2020</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p>Tomaz</p>	<p>32. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the report on the activities and progress of the Working Group including an updated workplan for the biennium 2019-2020, provided as a background document to this present report;</p> <p>(b) Take note of the efforts and progress of the Working Group in developing guidance to support the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the Guidance and Recommended Actions aligned with Strategic Pathway 2: Policy and Legal+ document, provided as a background document to this present report; and</p> <p>(c) Express its views and provide guidance on the activities of the Working Group, including its workplan, use-case exercise and proposed white paper.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe notes and welcomes the report of the Working Group, including the efforts to support the implementation of the IGIF and the development of the document Guidance and Recommended Actions+which directly underpins Strategic Pathway 2: Policy and Legal. • UN-GGIM: Europe encourages additional and further contributions to the Working Group's use-case exercise. • The proposed white paper is considered by UN-GGIM Europe as the best way to address the complex legal and policy issues in geospatial information management, and we recommend that this is adopted as the basis for the future work on Strategic Pathway 2 of the IGIF. • It is noted that not all five UN-GGIM Regions are represented in the group; UN-GGIM: Europe therefore encourages members from unrepresented regions to participate in the Working Group activities to ensure that all views and interests are represented in the Committee's work on legal and policy. •

<p>E/C.20/20 20/14/Add. 1</p>	<p>Global fundamental geospatial data themes</p> <p>Background documents Fundamental Data Publication</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p>Antonio & David to support</p>	<p>36. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the report, the background document, and the work of the Working Group, recalling that the 14 Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes and their high-level descriptions were adopted by the Committee in its previous sessions;</p> <p>(b) Take note of the alignment of the 14 Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes with the broader programme of work of the Committee, including the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework; and,</p> <p>(c) Express its views on the successful completion of the tasks set for the Working Group according to its Terms of Reference and provide guidance regarding the ongoing modality of the Working Group having successfully achieved its objectives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe would like to acknowledge the technical leadership of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the resources provided by the Member States and observer organisations forming the Working Group, and the collaboration and feedback from the Committee's Subcommittees, Expert and Working Groups and Regional Committees. It is through their combined contributions that the 14 Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes and their high-level descriptions were adopted by the Committee in its previous sessions. • UN-GGIM: Europe notes with satisfaction that the fundamental themes are being embedded within the broader programme of work of the Committee, including the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework. • UN-GGIM: Europe considers that it has successfully completed all the tasks set out in the Working Group's Terms of Reference and therefore suggests to the Committee of Experts that the Group is closed having satisfactorily achieved its objectives. Thanking all involved for their contributions.
<p>E/C.20/20 20/15/Add. 1</p>	<p>National institutional arrangements in global geospatial information management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background document Foundational Guide to National 	<p>18. The Committee is invited to:</p> <p>a) Take note of the report and the work carried out by the Working Group in developing the Foundational Guide to National Institutional Arrangement Instruments for Geospatial Information Management (Asia-Pacific) provided as a background document to this present report;</p> <p>b) Express its views on the Working Group's</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe acknowledges the report prepared by the Working Group and commends the work carried out in the intersessional period. • The Regional Committee of Europe welcomes the document Foundational Guide to National Institutional Arrangement Instruments for Geospatial Information Management (Asia-Pacific) seeing this a means through which the principles of the IGIF can be implemented. • For this reason, UN-GGIM: Europe commends

	<p>Institutional Arrangements Instruments for Geospatial Information Management (Asia-Pacific)</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p>Antonio</p>	<p>efforts in aligning and integrating the Guide with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and supporting the preparation of the Implementation Guide; and</p> <p>c) Provide guidance on the Foundational Guide to National Institutional Arrangement Instruments for Geospatial Information Management (Asia-Pacific) and considerations for capturing other geographic regions in a similar manner.</p>	<p>the efforts to move towards the alignment of the Foundational Guide with the IGIF, and recommends that these continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe notes the Foundational Guide and encourages its use as an example in the other four UN-GGIM regions.
<p>E/C.20/20/20/16/Add.1</p>	<p>Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p>Fabio</p>	<p>32. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the present report and express its views on the activities and important work undertaken by the three standards development organizations, in facilitating the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;</p> <p>(b) Take note of the public release of the ISO Geodetic Register and other freely available resources in support of standards implementation;</p> <p>(c) Take note of progress towards the development of an international standard for a Discrete Global Grid System, the revision of the Land Administration Domain Model, and OGC API standards;</p> <p>(d) Encourage participation of Member States in the preparatory work on the international standards on Land Cover and Land Use, and on Good practices for Address Assignment, and to participate in the Statistical Domain Working</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe notes the report, positively acknowledging the different activities carried out by the three standards development organizations in the past 12 months. • Noting in particular the contribution to the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the use of geospatial standards in supporting the SDGs. UN-GGIM: Europe notes also the collaborative work being carried out between the SDOs in furthering global geospatial standards that are useful, keeping pace with technology trends and linked with fundamental data themes. • UN-GGIM: Europe encourages Member States to participate in the preparatory work on the international standards on Land Cover and Land Use, and on Good practices for Address Assignment, and to participate in the Statistical Domain Working Group. • More generally UN-GGIM: Europe urges Member States to also participate in the international geospatial standards development process through membership of the three SDOs.

		<p>Group; and,</p> <p>(e) Urge Member States to participate, through membership, in the international geospatial standards development processes of OGC, ISO/TC 211, and IHO.</p>	
<p>E/C.20/20 20/17/Add. 1</p>	<p>Collaboration with the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names</p> <p>Summary English</p> <p>Tomaz</p>	<p>28. The Committee of Experts is invited to:</p> <p>(a) Take note of the report and progress made by the Group of Experts on Geographical Names;</p> <p>(b) Express its views on the way forward on building a stronger relationship between the Group of Experts and the Committee; and</p> <p>(c) Encourage participation in the second session of UNGEGN in 2021.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-GGIM: Europe notes the report and welcomes the continued strengthening of the relationship between the Committee of Experts and the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. • While noting in particular the sharing of information between the two bodies and regular meetings between both Bureaux, UN-GGIM: Europe believes that continued collaboration can be achieved through the Expert Group's input to the data strategic pathway of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, Implementation Guide. • The Regional Committee of Europe encourages the participation in the second session of UNGEGN in May 2021.