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Eighth Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM Spatial Lens: Key to Achieving Global Goal Linking Data – Policy - People

~~(Day)~~ Tuesday 31 July 2018

~~(Time)~~ 1000 - 1300

Venue: Conference Room - E

United Nations Headquarters, New York

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A. Background

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The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda recognizes the importance of adequate data for implementation, monitoring and the review of the progress made towards the achievement of the in achieving the Ggoals and Ttargets. The basic objective of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda – that no one is to be left behind – will require quality, accessible, timely, and reliable disaggregated data at all levels making it fundamental means for global development. However, the aAccessibility and availability of quality data has always been a concern. There is a strong need to Sstrengthening data production, new data acquisition, and integration approaches to enable and promote the availability of ,for high quality, timely, reliable and disaggregated data. Ultimately, an enabling policy environment that links data to policy and people can be achieved through ,i fostering geospatial and statistical data integration, facilitating geographic data to ,with other forms of data, use in policymaking decisions, and the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals, would need an enabling policy environment.(SDGs) among many other elements.

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As tTechnology touches every aspect of our lives, gGeospatial information and technology can bejs being seen as an enabler ing and coherent capability for achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and support development for all. Furthermore, Tthe need for geospatial “open” data has been recognized by the statistical community, the policymakers, geospatial professionals.

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There is a need for a framework is imperative to effectively and efficiently harness the data revolution and integration of data for development. Synergies between data providers and data collaboratives can and would be achieved by establishing such a framework will encourage. This will not only help in making enabling data accessibility to each and all, but will also fill the data gaps, generate new datasets, and create dynamic visualizations; thus enabling timely and targeted decision making to drive the SDGs.

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B. Objectives and expected outcomes

Collaborations ~~and partnerships are~~ ~~are becoming a~~ necessity, as it provides community stakeholders ~~the opportunity of the community~~ to leverage unique individual resources, innovative solutions, and shared expertise and experiences. ~~of each other's. The implementation of the SDGs will require decision makers to be supported with information and knowledge, not just data. As such, there~~ ~~The decision makers on SDG implementation are more interested in information and knowledge than just data. Nis a~~ need is to focus on the transition from data to information to knowledge. ~~There exists~~ ~~various frameworks exist~~ which ~~can is~~ either facilitating data access and/or providing advisories ~~to decision makers in nations with advice in the~~ ~~creating an enabling environment for the implementation and adoption of geospatial information and frameworks and~~ ~~infrastructure at National and International levels~~ ~~for facilitating geospatial information.~~

Accordingly, the UN-GGIM Private Sector Network will bring together presenters and panelists from the global geospatial community to explore and discuss the **“Spatial Lens: Key to Achieving Global Goal: Linking Data – Policy – People”**. ~~As a side event to the eighth session of UN-GGIM, the Forum will~~ comprise 2 panels:

- Data Integration and Policy Framework for Bridging the Gap
- Land Administration – Best ~~Practises~~ Practices, Innovations and Co-operations“

~~These panels aims to~~ will engage participants and observers, as well as experts attending the ~~the~~ Eighth session of UN-GGIM to begin consideration of key universal elements essential for sustainable development goals ~~achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.~~

C. Agenda

Introductory Remarks by the Chairperson, Private Sector Network

1005 – 1130: Data Integration and Policy Framework for Bridging the Gap

Moderator: Steven Hagan, Vice President of Development for Server Technologies, Oracle Corporation, USA and Vice Chair, Private Sector Network, Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information

Panelists (10 mins each):

- Amy Minnick - Senior Vice President and General Manager, DigitalGlobe

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- Jim Van Rens, Vice President, Riegl
- Mick Cory, CEO, Eurogeographics
- [Robert Mankowski, Vice President, Product Development, Bentley Systems](#)
- Arnout Desmet, Vice President Maps - Global Sourcing, TomTom
- Valrie Grant, Founder and Managing Director, GeoTechVision

[Followed by a moderated interactive discussion with participants \(40 minutes\)](#)

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1130 – 1300: Land Administration – Best Practices, Innovations and Co-operations

Moderator: Prof Dr Dieter Fritsch, HxGN UN GGIM PSN Representative, Vice Chair
UN-GGIM PSN Land Administration and Management

Panelists (10 mins each):

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- Dean P. Angelides, Corporate Director, International/Alliances/Partners, Esri
- Willy Govender, Founder, Data World, South Africa
- Peter Ritchie, Senior Consultant, GIS Transport
- Adina Gillespie, Institutional Strategist, earthi
- Kees de Zeew, Director, Kadaster International

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