

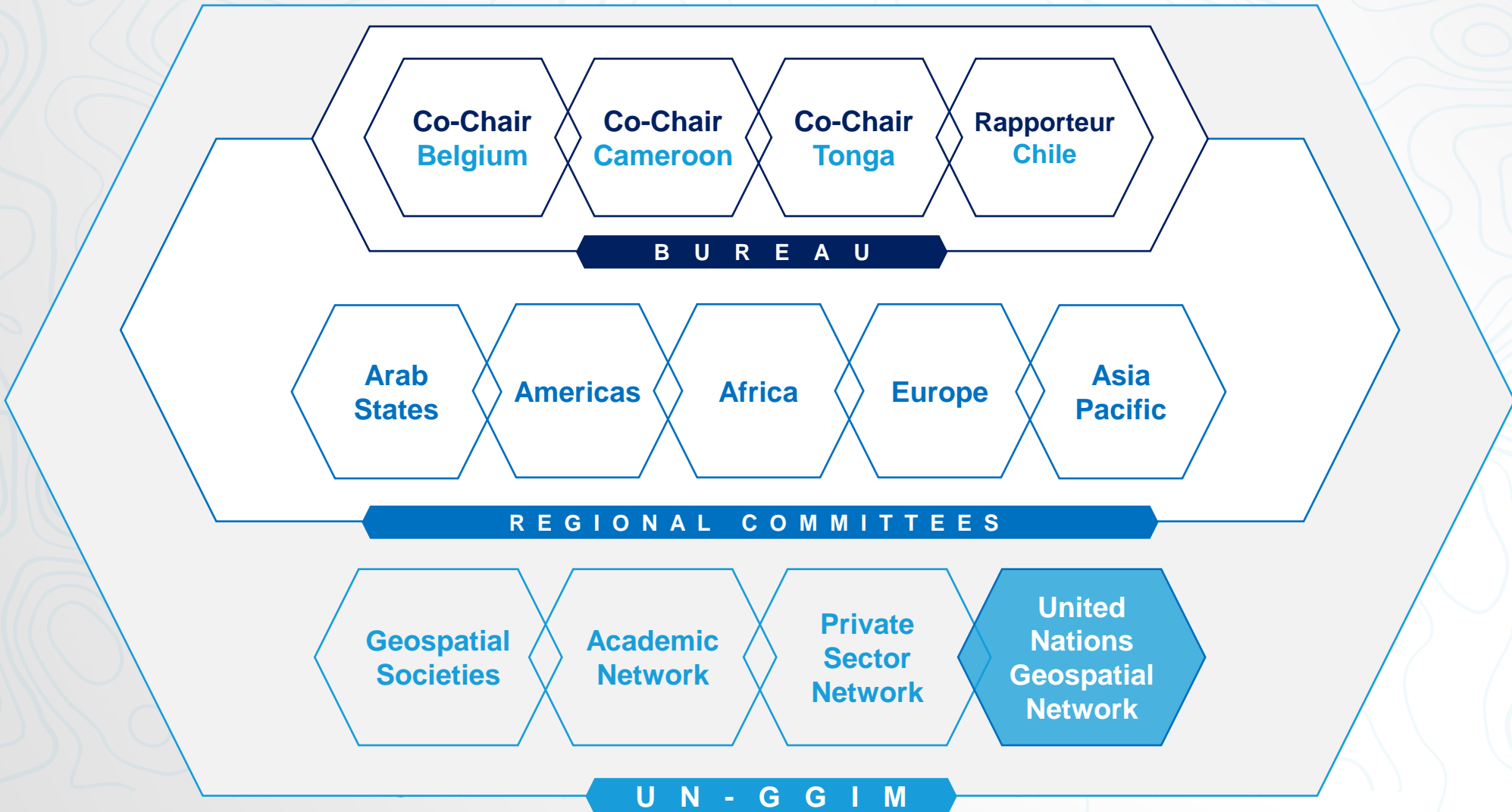


UN GEOSPATIAL NETWORK

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Strengthening the Coherence and Coordination of
Global Geospatial Information Management
across the UN System

OUR ROLE IN UN-GGIM ARCHITECTURE



UN-GGIM OBJECTIVES

- A formal inter-governmental body which reports directly to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Discusses and coordinates Geospatial Information Management activities by involving Member States at the highest level.
- Makes joint decisions and sets directions on the use of geospatial information within national and global policy frameworks;
- Address global issues and contribute collective knowledge as a community with shared interests and concerns
- Develops effective strategies to strengthen geospatial capacity particularly in developing countries
- To make timely, reliable and authoritative geospatial information consistently and readily available to support national, regional and global development.



OUR MEMBERS ACROSS THE UN SYSTEM



SECRETARIAT

OUR VISION



Geospatial for a Better World
Transforming People, Places and Planet

OUR MISSION



Strengthen the Coordination and Coherence of Geospatial Information Management within the United Nations System

OUR OBJECTIVES



Strengthen **coordination, collaboration and sharing** mechanisms on geospatial information within the United Nations system



Increase **communication and awareness** to senior management of the relevance of geospatial information and its management



Promote the **availability and accessibility of coordinated geospatial** to support Member States and United Nations mandates



Promote the use and **relevance of geospatial information for Member States and the United Nations for better decision-making**



Support the **mandates, aims and objectives of UN-GGIM**

OUR STRUCTURE

CHAIR



Mr. Alexandre Caldas
UN Environment, UNEP

VICE CHAIRS

Mr. Doug Muchoney, FAO

Mr. Einar Bjørge, UNITAR



STEERING GROUP



SECRETARIAT

REPORTING PROCEDURE

Reports to UN-GGIM at annual session including the reports and background documents coordinated by the Steering Group of the Network.



OUR FOUNDATION

The Network is building upon the experiences of past coordination efforts of the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG), 2000 - 2016

Seventh Session Committee of Experts

2-4 AUGUST 2017,
NEW YORK

...agreed to establish a United Nations system network within its global architecture

decision 7/115

Eighth Session Committee of Experts

1-3 AUGUST 2018,
NEW YORK

...endorsed the Terms of Reference of the Network and its governance

decision 8/115

Ninth Session Committee of Experts

7-9 AUGUST 2019,
NEW YORK

...endorsed the Steering Group, the work programme and renaming of the Network to the “United Nations Geospatial Network”

decision 9/115

Tenth Session Committee of Experts

5-7 AUGUST 2020,
NEW YORK

...commended work on the preparation and completion of the **Blueprint**, strategic design document and a review of the geospatial landscape in the United Nations

decision 10/102

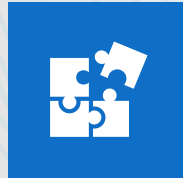
2017

2018

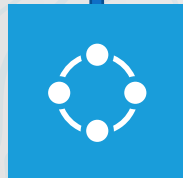
2019

2020

OUR STRATEGY AND PRIORITIES

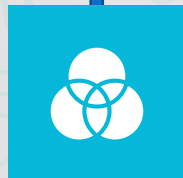


Blueprint of the United Nations Geospatial Network



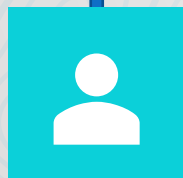
Governance, Strengthening the Network

Governance



Coherence and Coordination, Delivering as One

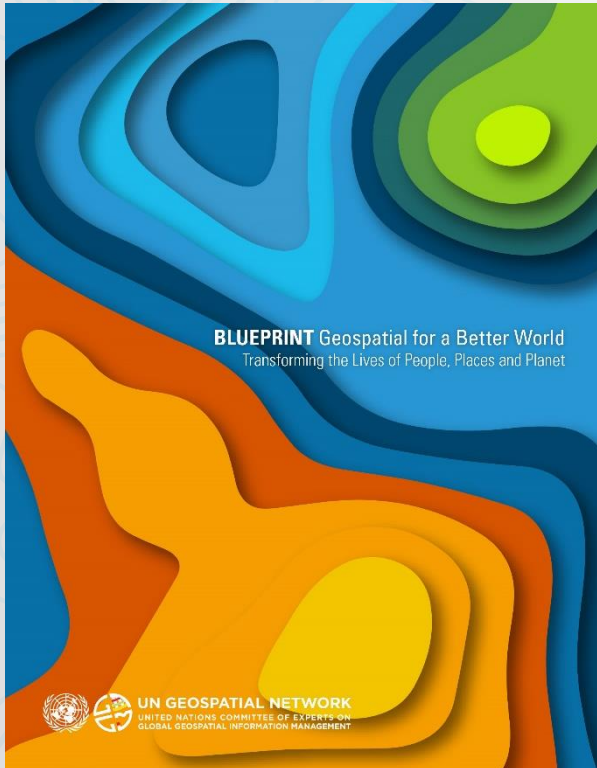
Technology



Partnerships, Capacity Building and Outreach

People

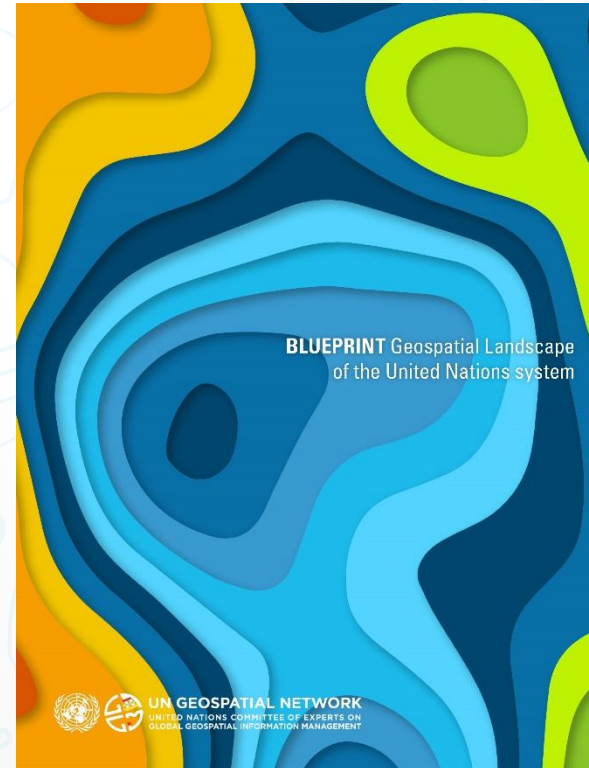
OUR STRATEGY: THE BLUEPRINT



BLUEPRINT

Strategic framework, orientations, design and upcoming activities of the Network (2020)

[link](#)



BLUEPRINT LANDSCAPE

Overview of current geospatial capacities and representatives in the UN system (2020)

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THE BLUEPRINT: TRANSFORMATION PATHWAYS

1 STRATEGY

The Blueprint

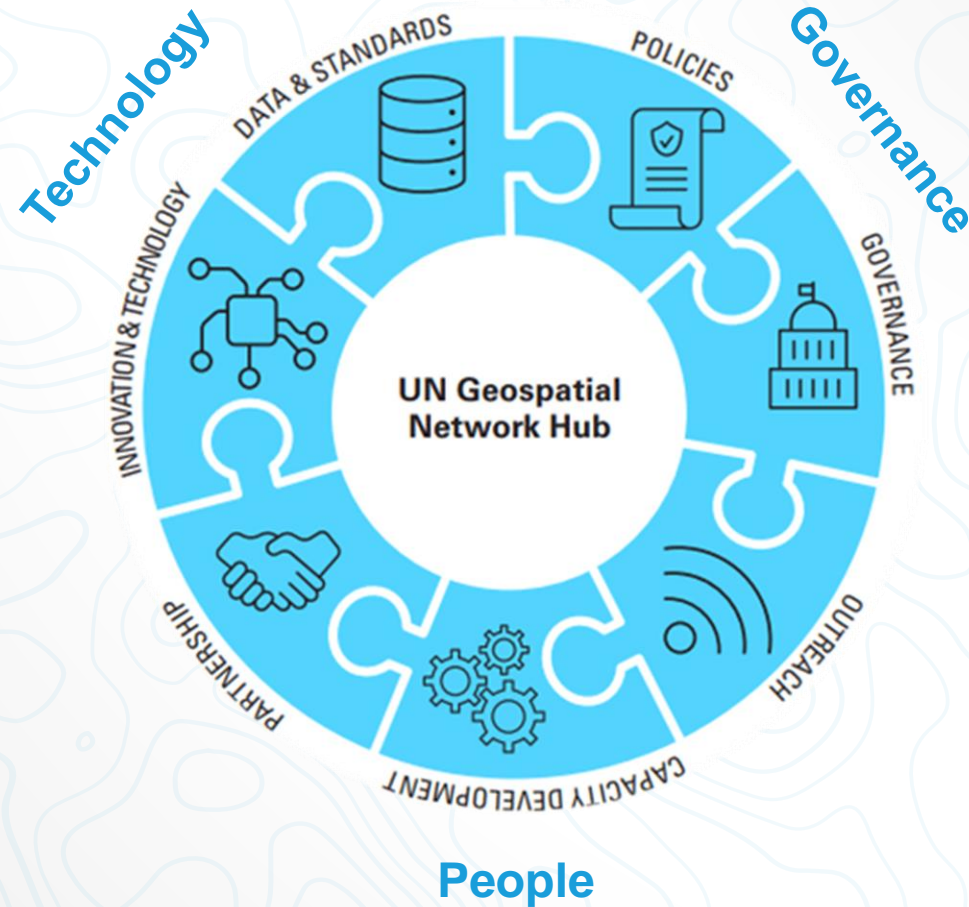
3 PRIORITIES

Governance, Technology & People

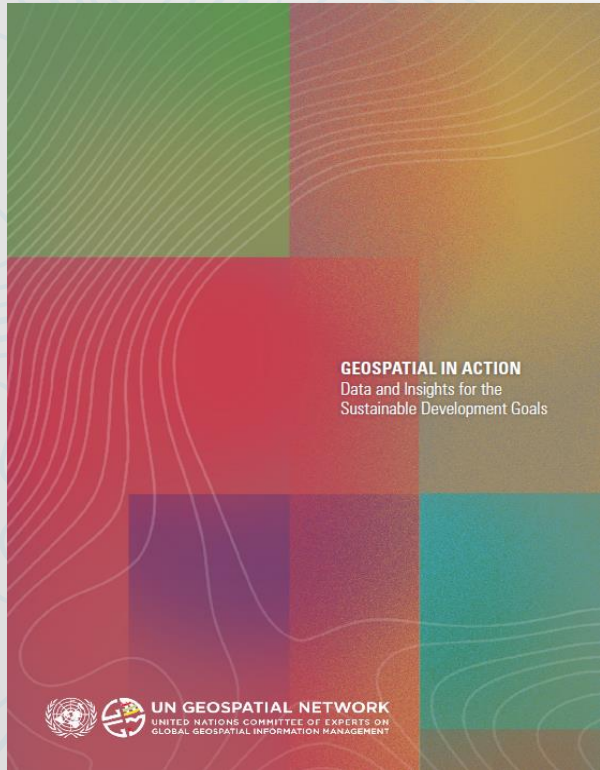
7 TRANSFORMATION PATHWAYS

Data & Standards Policies, Governance, Outreach, Capacity development, Partnership, Innovation & Technology,

50 PROPOSED ACTIVITIES



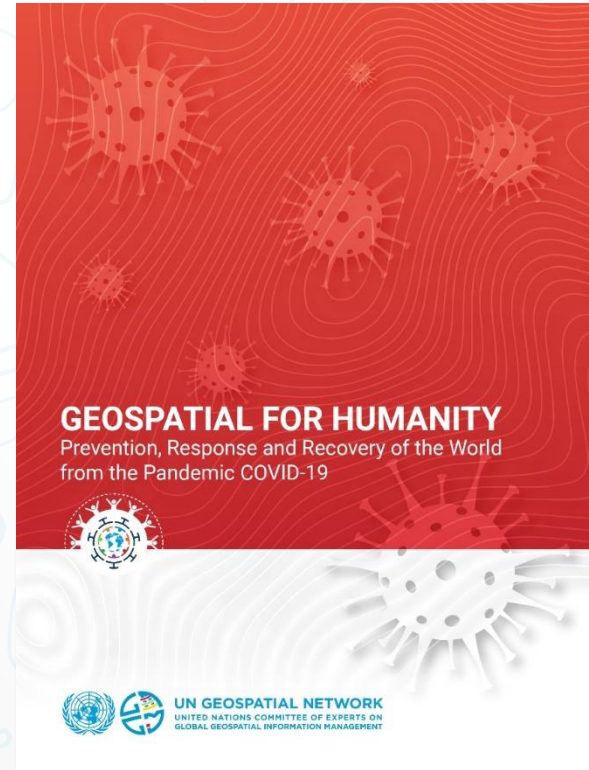
OUR LATEST PUBLICATIONS



GEOSPATIAL IN ACTION

Geospatial for the SDGs: data and insights for the SDGs by the UN system (2021)

[link](#)



GEOSPATIAL FOR HUMANITY

Geospatial for prevention, response & recovery from COVID19 by the UN system (2021)

[link](#)

GENERIC JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GEOSPATIAL

United Nations

CORE VALUES: INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

GENERIC JOB PROFILE
Director, Geospatial Information Management – D2/D1

Organizational Setting and Reporting Relationships:
These positions are located throughout the organization, mainly at Headquarters and Regional Offices. The Chief of Branch/Service/Division reports to the Director. In some offices, this position has the title of Director and reports to the Head of Department, in context of the UN-GGIM, acts as the **Senior** Geospatial representative of his/her entity.

Responsibilities:
The Director Geospatial Information Management formulates and implements the substantive work programme of the Branch/Service/Division under his/her supervision. Oversees the management of activities undertaken by the Branch/Service/Division, ensures that programmed activities are carried out in a timely fashion and co-ordinates work in the different areas both within the Division and Department, and with other organizations of the United Nations System, as appropriate:

- Leads, supervises, and carries out the work programme of the Geospatial Information Management Branch/Service/Division. Co-ordinates the work carried out by different work units under the Geospatial Information Management Branch/Service/Division and by other agencies and bodies of the United Nations system; provides programmatic/substantive reviews of the drafts prepared by others.
- Co-ordinates and oversees the preparation of reports for presentation to intergovernmental bodies, administrative and budgetary programmes and other policy-making organs, as appropriate.
- Reports to intergovernmental bodies on budget programme performance or on programmatic/substantive issues, as appropriate, particularly those presented in biannual and/or annual reports.
- Leads and approves the development of strategies, workplans and proposed activities in accordance with latest geospatial frameworks, trends, policies, standards, innovation, technology and substantive priorities.
- Ensures that the outputs produced by the Geospatial Information Management Branch/Service/Division maintain high-quality standards; that reports are clear, objective and based on comprehensive data. Ensures that all outputs produced by the Sections under their supervision meet required standards before completion to ensure they comply with the relevant mandates.
- Determines priorities and allocates resources for the completion of outputs and their time delivery.
- Undertakes or oversees the programmatic/administrative tasks necessary for the functioning of the Geospatial Information Management Branch/Service/Division, including preparation of budgets, reporting on budget programme performance, evaluation of staff performance, interviews of candidates for job openings, evaluation of candidates and preparation of inputs for results-based budgeting.

GENERIC JOB DESCRIPTION

Generic geospatial jobs
Director
Senior professionals
Professionals
Assistants
approved by OHRM
(2021)

[link](#)

THE UN GEOSPATIAL NETWORK WEBSITE

OUR WEBSITE

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The Network



The UN Geospatial Network is a coalition of entities within the United Nations System that engage in geospatial information management. The Network's mission is to strengthen the coordination and coherence of geospatial information management within the United Nations system, including its overarching trends, technology, practices, data, needs, capacity building, and partnerships, ultimately to promote synergies and enable the United Nations system to "Deliver as One." The Network is represented by the senior-most professionals working in the field of geospatial information management, led by a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Steering Group.

The United Nations Geospatial Network was established by the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) by its [decision 7/115](#) and its [seventh session](#) in 2017; its Terms of Reference were endorsed at its eighth session in 2018 by its [decision 8/115](#) and the [composition and activities](#) of the Network were agreed during the ninth session of UN-GGIM in August 2019 by its [decision 9/102](#).

The Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)

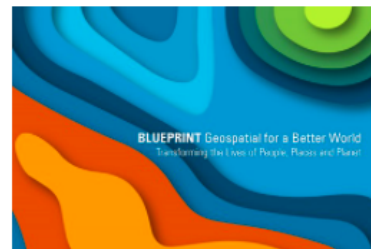


The UN Geospatial Network was established by the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management ([UN-GGIM](#)) in 2017, as the means for the Committee to collaborate and inform on geospatial information within the United Nations system.

ECOSOC established the Committee of Experts as 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. Led by United Nations Member States, UN-GGIM aims to address global challenges regarding the use of geospatial information, including in the development agendas, and to serve as a body for global policymaking in the field of geospatial information management.

Further information on the work of UN-GGIM is available at <http://ggim.un.org/>.

The Blueprint



In 2020, during the tenth session of UN-GGIM, the Committee of Experts commended the United Nations Geospatial Network for their extensive work in the preparation and completion of the [Blueprint Geospatial for a Better World: Transforming the Lives of People, Places and Planet](#) and its companion document [Blueprint Geospatial Landscape of the United Nations system](#) which present respectively the strategic design and activities that will guide the future work and activities of the Geospatial Network and a review of the current status of the geospatial landscape in the United Nations system.

The realization of the objectives of the Network through the Blueprint is structured in the three strategic objectives, seven transformation pathways and detailed through 50 activities. The Blueprint is guided by the Integrated Geospatial Information (IGI), the [Data Strategy](#) of the Secretary-General, the Secretary-General's Strategy on [New Technologies](#) and the [Workplan](#) of the Network.



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