

Conference and Plenary Meeting of the UN Geospatial Network

One Map. One Humanity. Transforming the Lives of People, Places and Planet

New York (USA), 1 - 2 August 2024

Background

In 2023, in making [decision 13/103](#), the Committee noted the accomplishment of the network in strengthening the coherence of geospatial activities within the UN System and ongoing consultations on the One UN Geospatial Situation Room, and also noted that this capability should provide a means to share data with Member States, build upon the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the global networks of the Committee of Experts, and, in this regard, could benefit from use cases that include a closer relationship with Member States.

On 13 to 15 June 2023, the UN Geospatial Network met for a conference on the theme “Building the One UN Geospatial Situation Room for People, Places and Planet” in Nairobi, Kenya. The Network issued the [Masai-Nairobi Declaration on One UN Geospatial for People, Places and Planet](#), towards the Future We Want, the imperative to Leave No One Behind, and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. The Declaration also recognized the three priorities of the Network on One Map, One UN, One Humanity respectively to collaborate toward a One Geospatial unifying map service, to deliver as One for our world and for the benefits of Member States, and to develop One global partnership for impact for everyone, everywhere.

In 2022, in making [decision 12/104](#), the Committee of Experts noted the One UN Geospatial Situation Room initiative as a component of the United Nations Geospatial Network Data Hub and acknowledged the Geospatial Network’s intent to undertake a consultative process on the management and use of its Data Hub in order for the Hub to be informed by the frameworks, norms, practices and standards developed by the Committee of Experts in its programme of work, including the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.

In 2021, in making [decision 11/102](#), the Committee of Experts noted the accomplishments of the United Nations Geospatial Network over the intersessional period, recognized its renewed steering group, the strengthened partnerships and communication among stakeholders and the three background reports prepared, including those entitled “Generic geospatial job profiles for the United Nations system”, “Geospatial for humanity”, and “Geospatial in action”, which reflected the breadth of geospatial activities performed within the United Nations system.

In 2020, in making decision 10/102, the Committee of Experts commended the United Nations Geospatial Network for its extensive work on the preparation and completion of the document entitled “[Blueprint: geospatial for a better world – transforming the lives of people, places and planet](#)” and its companion document, entitled “[Blueprint: geospatial landscape of the United Nations system](#)”, developed in close consultation with the United Nations system, and which presented a review of the current status of the geospatial landscape in the United Nations and the strategic design and activities that will guide the future work and activities of the UN Geospatial Network.

Objectives

The UN Geospatial Network is mechanism the coordination of geospatial information management across 40 UN Departments, Agencies, Funds and Programmes of the United Nations System. The conference and meeting will bring together seniormost geospatial experts of the UN system to consider its upcoming new Blueprint strategy to 2030 and its future activities around three key topics: the One UN Geospatial Situation Room; capacity development for better Member State support, building upon the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework; and the contribution to the “quintet of change” on the fusion of data, innovation, digital, foresight, and science to build a UN System that can better support Member States in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Currently in the development of its concept around the One UN Geospatial Situation Room, the UN Geospatial Network aims to harness the power of geospatial information and technology to address critical development challenges across the globe, enhancing the United Nations' ability to meet the SDGs through integrated and data-driven solutions. Through the development of the One Geospatial Situation Room, the UN Geospatial Network aims to contribute to the United Nations 2.0 “Quintet of Change” and the SG Data Strategy through the strengthening of geospatial data, digital, innovation, foresight, and science to build a UN System that can better support Member States in the implementation of the SDGs. Finally, the UN Geospatial Network, as called by the Committee of Experts aims to build upon the success of the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and to support capacity development in countries with the aim to also develop use cases in close collaboration with Member States, in a global partnership with its sister network under the UN-GGIM architecture.

The meeting objective will also be underpinned by the establishment of a new partnership between the UN Geospatial Network with the UN Foundation and Shanzhai City, to support the progress of the three key topics set out by the UN Geospatial Network.

Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda for the Meeting of the UN Geospatial Network on the theme **One Map. One Humanity. Transforming the Lives of People, Places and Planet** is as follows:

- 1) Welcome, introductions and opening remarks
- 2) Our Blueprint to 2030
- 3) Upcoming priorities
- 4) Partnerships and sustainable resources
- 5) Addressing priorities for **One Humanity**, geospatial for the Goals
- 6) One UN Geospatial Situation Room: Operationalizing the **One Map**
- 7) Capacity development support and national circumstances for **One World**
- 8) Charting the future and closing

A detailed agenda and organization of the meeting will be developed in due course and break out group sessions will be organized to discuss priorities and communities.

Organizers

The meeting is jointly organized by the United Nations Geospatial Network, in close coordination with the United Nations Environment Programme, UN Habitat, and the Zero Waste Foundation.

Registration

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