

Conference and Plenary Meeting of the UN Geospatial Network

**One Humanity. One Map. One World.
for People, Places and Planet**

Geospatial World Forum
Madrid, Spain, 22-25 April 2025
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Preamble

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 plenary meeting of the UN Geospatial Network will be held and hosted during the [Geospatial World Forum 2025](#) under the theme ‘Spatial Computing & Digital Twin Enterprise: Accelerating the Future Geospatial Ecosystem.’

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 and through the development of the One Geospatial Situation Room and its enablement through One Map (and UN Maps services). 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. As called by the Committee of Experts, the UN Geospatial Network also aims to build upon the success of the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) to support capacity development in countries, to develop use cases in close collaboration with Member States, and to contribute to accelerating the Future Geospatial Ecosystem.

Background

In 2024, in making [decision 14/103 \(d\)](#), the Committee of Experts welcomed the support offered, including by the United Nations Geospatial Network, to strengthen their contributions through the implementation of the One United Nations Geospatial Situation Room, which [...] was the delivery mechanism to bring coherence on data governance and federated data services across the United Nations system, to provide use cases to support capacity-development activities for Member States, in particular low- and middle-income countries. On 30-31 July 2024, the Network held its Plenary Session, hosted at the Permanent Mission of Türkiye, to discuss its priorities and sustainability of its activities including funding and leadership.

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 conference and meeting will bring together the most senior geospatial professional as designated representative of the UN system to consider the sustainability of its leadership, its upcoming new Blueprint strategy to 2030 and its future activities around three key topics: the One UN Geospatial Situation Room and its enablement through One Map (and UN Maps services); 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) including through the development of use cases to support capacity-development activities.

Provisional agenda

The [Geospatial World Forum 2025](#) is held under the theme ‘Spatial Computing & Digital Twin Enterprise: Accelerating the Future Geospatial Ecosystem’ and the provisional agenda for the conference of the UN Geospatial Network on the theme “**One Humanity. One Map. One World. for People, Places and Planet**” is as follows:

22 April: Plenary opening of the Geospatial World Forum

in-person, Madrid, Spain

Mainstage plenary Session including Key notes from the UN system

23 April: UN Geospatial Network meeting (by invitation only)

Hybrid, in-person and online

- 1) Welcome and introduction
- 2) Updates and upcoming priorities
- 3) Sustainable leadership of the UN Geospatial Network
- 4) Blueprint to 2030 and the UN Geospatial Landscape
- 5) The One UN Geospatial Situation Room
- 6) Geocommunities: an overview of current progress
- 7) UN Maps overview
- 8) Other matters
- 9) Summary and close

24 April 2025: Geospatial showcase for the Goals

in-person, Madrid, Spain

A geospatial showcase for the Goals will be presented by respective organizations of the UN system including related to innovation, climate and the environment, health, food, peace, education and humanitarian aid.

A detailed agenda and organization of the meeting is available [online](#).



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Organizers

The meeting is organized by the United Nations Geospatial Network in close coordination with the hosting generously offered by Geospatial World.

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