

# United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM):

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# UN-GGIM: Inventory of Issues

1. Develop a national, regional and global strategic framework for geospatial information;
2. Establish best practices in institutional arrangements, legal and common frameworks;
3. Build capability and capacity, especially in developing countries;
4. Assuring the quality of geospatial information;
5. Promoting data sharing, accessibility and dissemination;
6. Embracing trends in information technology;
7. Promoting geospatial advocacy and awareness;
8. Partnering with civil society and the private sector; and
9. Linking geospatial information to statistics.

<http://ggim.un.org/2nd%20Session/E-C20-2012-5%20Inventory%20of%20Issues%205%20July.pdf>



# UN-GGIM: Areas of engagement

1. Future trends in geospatial information management
2. Development of the global geodetic reference frame
3. Development of a global map for sustainable development
4. Establishment and implementation of standards for the global geospatial information community
5. Development of a knowledge base for geospatial information
6. Linking of geospatial information to statistics and other data
7. Significant presence at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
8. Activities on geospatial information within the United Nations system
9. Inventory of the status of mapping in the world
10. Establishment of regional UN-GGIM entities
11. Legal and policy frameworks, including critical issues related to authoritative data
12. Development of shared statement of principles on the management of geospatial information
13. Activities relating to the integration of land and marine geospatial information



# Five broad themes identified

- Trends in technology and the future direction of data creation, maintenance and management;
- Legal and policy developments;
- Skills requirements and training mechanisms;
- The role of the private sector and non-governmental sectors; and
- The future role of governments in data provision and management.



# Major themes identified

1. Institutional Arrangements, legal and policy issues
2. Fundamental Data
3. Geodetic Reference Frame
4. Geo-Standards: adoption and implementation of international standards (including in Arabic)
5. Integration of Geospatial & Statistical Information
6. Building/strengthening national geospatial information capacities/capabilities



# Working Groups (Final Proposal)

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## WG2: Fundamental Data and Geo-Standards

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## WG3: Geodetic Reference Frame

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## WG4: Integration of Geospatial & Statistical Information

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