



UNGEEN Operational Modalities

Introduction



Limitations

- Scale factors
- Cyclic update



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**All use place names as the
initial entry tool for the
operation**

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The accuracy and available place names data will determine the effectiveness of the application.

Our role is to promote the use of accurate and comprehensive data, and to find ways to facilitate the use of data in a cost effective and timely manner for all users for the benefit of the general community.

Considerations

- ▶ A time of rapid technical changes, and accelerating use of spatial data.
- ▶ UNGEGN has a five year gap between the conferences - this gap between strategic sessions may not keeping pace with the technical changes and advancements in data use.
- ▶ UNGGIM strategy is likely to have an impact on UNGEGN.

Suggestions

Suggestion 1

Alter the current meeting schedule from the five-year cycle of:

Conference – Session - Session – Conference

to a four-year cycle of:

Conference – Session – Conference.

Benefits

Reduce the time between the strategic conferences allowing for a more rapid response to developing issues.

Align UNGEGN reporting to ECOSOC with its meeting schedule.

Reduce the financial burden on the UN

Suggestions

Suggestion 2

Consider the holding of the Conferences on a back to back scheduling with the UNGGIM meetings.

Benefits

Reduce the cost for countries where the representation at UNGEGN and UNGGIM is the same.

Provide better opportunities for UNGEGN to be appropriately represented at the UNGGIM meetings and to make specific presentations regarding its work and the issues that are relevant to UNGGIM.

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Suggestion 3

Develop a stronger working relationship with UNGGIM

Benefits

Increase the understanding of the mandate that each organisation has.

UNGGIM is in a position to assist UNGEGN to fulfil its mandate by ensuring full recognition of the need for an effective place names program in each country to provide the public interface into spatial data.

UNEGN is in a position to ensure that the issues associated with place names programs are fully understood in relation to the overarching foundation spatial data themes.

Conclusion

- ▶ The aim of this paper is to engender thought processes.
- ▶ No action will be take until the 2017 Conference if a change is determined to be suitable and it will not come into effect until 2021.
- ▶ Please take the time to consider what is suggested.
- ▶ As a bureau, we would invite any comment, be it in support or opposed to these suggestions or putting forward alternatives that have not yet come to light.