

(4) Lunch time seminar on "The Geospatial data infrastructure Project Mexico-Caribbean: a disaster risk reduction project", 1 July 2014

At the invitation of the Permanent Mission of Mexico, the Director of the Division made a presentation on the work of the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM) during this lunch time seminar, which was moderated by the Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico. The Director of UNSD emphasized the importance of a solid geospatial and statistical information framework to support the Sustainable Development Goals. The Vice President of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico presented the Geospatial data infrastructure Project Mexico-Caribbean, which was recently launched under the auspices of UN-GGIM-Americas, of which Mexico is the current elected Chair. The objective of the project is to promote the development of a Spatial Data Infrastructure in the countries of the Caribbean and to, thus, strengthen the generation, use and sharing of geospatial information in the region. One of the elements of the project is to use satellite images provided under an agreement with China to create land cover maps of the region.