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Current United Nations Structures in Geographic Information

- UNRCC (UN Regional Cartographic Conferences)
 - UNRCC Asia-Pacific every 3 years, UNRCC Americas every 4 years
- UNGIWG (UN Geographic Information Working Group)
 - a voluntary network of UN professionals working in the fields of cartography and geographic information science
- UNGEGN (UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names)
 - provides technical recommendations on standardizing geographical names at the national and international levels
- UN Cartographic Section/Department of Field Support
 - As part of the Logistics Support Division (LSD) provides logistical support to peacekeeping, peacebuilding and political missions around the world.



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UN-GGIM: Established

- The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) has recognized the importance of geospatial information in national and global development.
- As a result and following extensive consultation with Member States, the ECOSOC meeting held in July 2011 established the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM).
- ECOSOC encouraged ‘Member States to hold regular high-level, multi-stakeholder discussions on global geospatial information, including through the convening of global forums, with a view to promoting a comprehensive dialogue with all relevant actors and bodies’.



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UN-GGIM: A Global Initiative

- An Inter-Governmental mechanism to make joint decisions and set directions on the production and use of geospatial information within national and global policy frameworks
- Working with Governments to improve policy, institutional arrangements, and legal frameworks
- Addressing global issues and contributing collective knowledge as a community with shared interests and concerns
- Developing effective strategies to build geospatial capacity in the developing countries



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UN-GGIM: May 2011 - July 2012

- Oct 2011 (Republic of Korea)
 - Exchange Forum with Business Leaders
 - High Level Forum
 - First Committee of Experts Session
 - Seminar on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information
- Feb 2012 (Malaysia)
 - International Symposium on Spatially Enabled Government and Society 'Towards Spatial Maturity'



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UN-GGIM: May 2011 - July 2012

- April 2012 (the Netherlands)
 - Geospatial World Forum 2012
 - Forum on the Future Trends in Geospatial Information Management: the five to ten year vision
- May 2012 (China)
 - Hangzhou Forum on UN-GGIM
- June 2012 (Brazil)
 - Rio+20: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
 - Monitoring Sustainable Development: Why Location Matters
 - Global Map for Sustainable Development



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First High Level Forum (Oct 2011)

- 350 participants from 90 countries, 22 UN representatives, & 37 representatives from international organizations and the private sector

Ministers from Chile, Finland, India, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Namibia, and Niger provided views, including the value proposition, on the role of geospatial information in national development.



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Outcomes of the HLF



- Strong support from the Ministers on UN-GGIM
- The importance of working together across borders
- The importance of collaboration in developing common frameworks, tools and procedures



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Outcomes of the HLF

- Relevant international organizations affirmed their commitment
- Recognized the important role of international geospatial information societies and standards setting organizations & welcomed their contributions
- Recognized that the geospatial industry is a key partner in global geospatial information community



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UN-GGIM: Vision

- To make accurate and authoritative geospatial information readily available to support national, regional and global development.....



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Four initial critical tasks

- Evolving a shared vision for the future in management of geospatial information nationally and globally
- Evolving an inclusive platform for improving, sharing and disseminating national and global geospatial data
- Evolving a global 'Statement of Ethics' and supporting code of conduct to enhance public trust
- Evolving a mutually beneficial relationship between the Government and the non-Government entities



Forthcoming activities

- Second Committee of Experts Session: 13-15 August 2012, UN, New York.
- Second UN-GGIM High Level Forum: Doha, Qatar February 2013.
- Third Committee of Experts Session: mid-2013.
- ECOSOC requested a comprehensive report for the year 2016 – a detailed 5-year progress report.



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UN-GGIM & UNGEGN

- UN-GGIM setting the global policy and institutional frameworks and developing strategies to build geospatial capacity. Provides an umbrella to UNGEGN
- Common challenges – many of the issues related to geospatial and geonames are similar, if not the same
- UNGEGN maintains its unique mandate
- More visibility for UNGEGN work



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