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# GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION FOR ENABLING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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### **Statistical Commission Decision 51/101**

*(i) “Encouraged further work on a better integration of geospatial and statistical information to better monitor the 2030 Agenda through the working group on geospatial information”*

### **The Perspective of the IAEG-SDGs**

In its 2021 Report to this Statistical Commission:

*[The IAEG-SDGs WGGI] is now focusing on its longer-term activities and is developing the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap, as a document that can ‘build the bridge’ between the statistical and geospatial actors working on the SDGs. The Roadmap aims to realise the as-yet untapped transformational potential that geospatial information can bring to the SDGs and complement the existing work of the Commission on the global indicator framework”.*

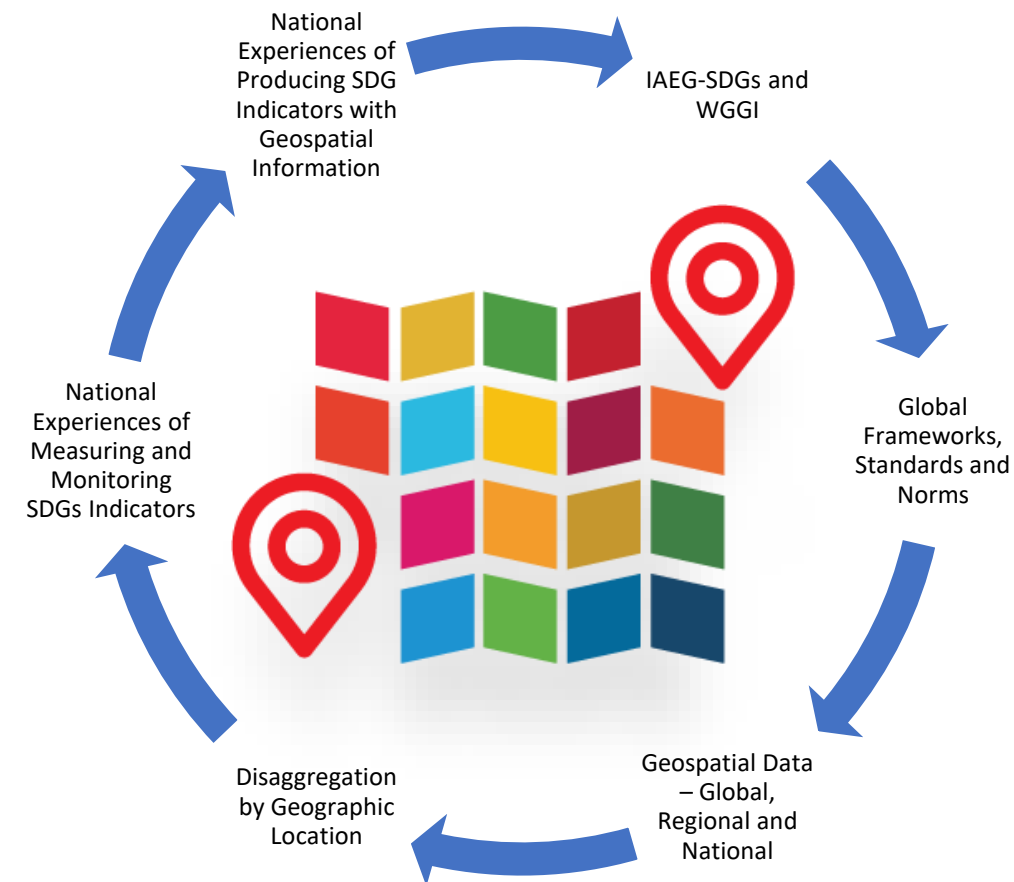
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**Broader Context and Considerations – Where do we find ourselves today, where will we be tomorrow?**

*Twenty years on from the inception of the Millennium Development Goals and five years into the SDGs, regardless of the present global situation, **the transformational vision and new data requirements called for to realise the 2030 Agenda has only been partially realised**. The extent of this challenge has been underestimated and is further amplified by geospatial data, leadership, knowledge, and innovation primarily limited to some countries, the majority being the developed countries – **the geospatial digital divide**.*

*While technologies are evolving at a rapid pace, **the commensurate capabilities, skills, and opportunities in the developing countries are not, and countries are being left behind**. This is a gap that must be bridged; accordingly, **the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap has been developed to provide simple and actionable guidance to the IAEG-SDGs, Member States and Custodian Agencies to bridge this gap**.*



# The SDGs Geospatial Roadmap

## Its Vision and Purpose

### Vision:

*“To see geospatial and location-based information being recognised and accepted as official data for the SDGs and their global indicators”*

### Purpose:

*The SDGs Geospatial Roadmap is a living resource that helps **communicate, guide and enhance the awareness** of geospatial information, Earth Observations, and related data sources, tools and methods, to inform and support the **implementation, measurement and monitoring** of the SDGs, according to national circumstances.*

### How:

*The Roadmap **outlines how to ‘build the bridge’** between the **statistical and geospatial actors** working within the global indicator framework, through three phases:*

- 1. Prepare and Plan*
- 2. Design, Development and Testing*
- 3. Measuring, monitoring and reporting geospatially enabled SDG indicators*

For both **Users (ie. Countries)** and **Providers** (ie. Regional Commissions, SDG Custodian Agencies and other Experts) of the SDGs and their global indicators.

## The SDGs Geospatial Roadmap

### Submitted for Adoption by the Commission

Following extensive development by the WGGI the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap is submitted to the Commission for adoption by the IAEG-SDGs

The Roadmap was adopted by the IAEG-SDGs at its 12th meeting in November 2021

The Roadmap is presented to the Commission in English, French and Spanish. Offers/resources to support its translation are greatly appreciated

The Roadmap is also provided in an interactive “**Storymap**”, to support its communication and to interactively ‘tell the story’ of how countries are using geospatial information for the SDGs





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