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Dear Colleagues,

**Twelfth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on
Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)
New York, 3-5 August 2022**

I am pleased to inform you that the Twelfth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 3 - 5 August 2022. The official announcement of the twelfth session has been issued through a Note Verbale which was communicated to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York on 13 April 2022. A copy of the Note Verbale is attached for your reference.

Please note that as of 4 April 2022, the United Nations Headquarters returned to full operational capability and intergovernmental meetings resumed as normal. We are convening the twelfth session in person, guided by prevailing public health measures, while still prioritizing the health and safety of participants.

In fulfilling its mandate, the Committee of Experts continues to provide a forum for coordination and dialogue among Member States, and between Member States and relevant international organizations and stakeholders. At the twelfth session, the Committee of Experts will follow up and deliberate on work items from the eleventh session and address emerging and critical issues related to geospatial information management globally. These include the implementation of adopted global frameworks, the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework, the Framework for Effective Land Administration and the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters; strengthening institutional arrangements on global geospatial information management; the sustainability and quality of the global geodetic reference frame; policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management; the development of an operational framework for integrated marine geospatial information management; how geospatial information, standards and collaboration support and inform global development agendas including the sustainable development goals, and the contributions of regional committees and thematic networks to the global geospatial information agenda.

The Provisional Agenda E/C.20/2022/1 and the Documentation for the Session E/C.20/2022/2 are available on the Committee's website at <https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/12th-Session>. Other documents and supporting information on the twelfth session will be posted as they become available. The substantive reports to be discussed during the twelfth session will also be uploaded to the Committee's website no later than 13 July 2022.

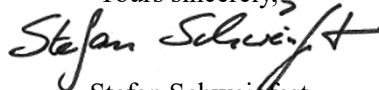
To assist with your planning and preparation for the twelfth session, we kindly ask that you note that several important side events and meetings related to the substantive work of the Committee of Experts will be convened from 1-2 August 2022 and on the margins of the twelfth session. A draft overview of the side events and meetings for the week will be available and updated regularly on the Committee's website.

If you are planning to attend the twelfth session, you will need to comply with the formality of requesting your Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York to register on the e-deleGATE portal under "ECOSOC/United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management" your intention to participate in the session, and the name(s) of all members of your delegation. Your Mission will then request grounds passes to the United Nations premises for you. The contact information for Permanent Missions is available on the following website: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/member-states>. Please note that participating experts should be made available at their government's expense. Arrangements for hotels need to be made by individual participants (or their Mission) at hotels of their own choice. Practical information and updates will be made available to confirmed participants in due course.

Should you have any questions or need any assistance regarding the forthcoming session of the Committee of Experts, please do not hesitate to contact the UN-GGIM Secretariat (Mr. Chee Hai Teo, Tel: 1-212-963-4904; Fax: 1-212-963-0623; Email: teo@un.org and Ms. Vilma Frani, Tel: 1-917-367-2903; Fax: 1-212-963-0623; Email: frani@un.org).

I look forward to seeing you in New York and welcoming you and your country's delegation to the Twelfth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

Yours sincerely,



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