



# REPORT

## UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat

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Ninth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP

Virtual Meeting



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Regional Committee of United Nations  
Global Geospatial Information Management  
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## UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat

Under the leadership of the President, to support the Executive Board and Member States in its function and responsibility to:

- Plan and coordinate the Committee work program between plenary sessions of the Committee
- Plan and manage the activities that the Committee undertakes for the UN-GGIM in consultation with the United Nations
- Make recommendations on objectives, activities and work programs to the Committee
- Coordinate funding proposals to aid agencies
- Represent the interests of the Asia and Pacific region in the world's geospatial information management community
- Take opportunities to give presentations to related bodies at conferences and other relevant events
- Examine and approve all the meetings organized or sponsored in the name of the Committee



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# Contribution to UN-GGIM Global Agenda

- Cooperation and coordination with UN-GGIM Secretariat and other regional Committees on the response to COVID-19, weekly meeting from early April to end of August 2020
- Supported the President of Regional Committee to participate in Virtual High-Level Forum Events of UN-GGIM (26 May, 2 & 9 June)
- Supported the President and member countries to participate in the tenth session of UN-GGIM held virtually on 26 and 27 August and 4 September 2020
- Engaged member countries in the Asia-Pacific region to respond to the survey of UN-GGIM Secretariat on COVID-19
- Actively contributed to the Geospatial Landscape of the United Nations System and Blueprint Geospatial for a Better World of the UN-GGIM and the United Nations Geospatial Network on regional practices
- Contributed to the UN Geospatial Strategy



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# Contribution to UN-GGIM Global Agenda

- Implementing the Secretary General's Data Strategy (2020-2022) for Data Action by Everyone, Everywhere with Insight, Impact and Integrity
- Encouraged member countries to support IGIF and mainstream geospatial information applications in all appropriate aspects of sustainable development, as national and regional champions
- Actively engaged member countries to collaborate with UN-GGIM WG-Disasters
  - UN-GGIM WG-Disasters Task Group B
  - Joined several online meetings organized by WG-Disasters
- Contributed to United Nations Geospatial Network
  - Steering Committee member and weekly meeting since early 2020
  - Joined the formulation of Blueprint & Landscape of UN Geospatial Network
  - Will apply for Demonstration Project of the UN Geospatial Network



## Our work in 2019-2020

- Encouraged member countries to strengthen regional cooperation and to mainstream geospatial information in our multiple capacities across other relevant forums
- Contributed to the Secretary General report 'Coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system: directions and anticipated results for the period 2020–2021 – megatrends and realization of the Sustainable Development Goals', with good efforts and practices made by UN-GGIM-AP member countries in integrating geospatial data and statistics for sustainable development
- Supported the President to organize the Executive Board meeting (virtual format) on 3 July 2020
- Coordinated with hosting country on organization of the Ninth and Tenth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP in 2020 and 2021
- Encouraged the member countries to contribute to ESCAP Publication 'Geospatial Practices for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2020: A Compendium' to be launched on 18 November 2020



## Our work in 2019-2020

- Organized webinars in May and June on ‘Strengthening regional cooperation in geospatial data sharing for mitigation of COVID-19 pandemics’ & ‘How space technology and GIS applications contribute to combatting COVID-19 pandemic’
- Organized Regional Workshop for Promoting the Asia-Pacific Geospatial Information Platform on 16 October 2020
- Promoted the implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018–2030) for i) leverage data sharing, and promote big data analytics for the containment of present and future spreads of diseases and epidemics, ii) to develop capacity on mapping health risk hotspots using geospatial information and big data, and iii) to pay special attention to the countries that are most vulnerable to emergency health situations
- Engaged Republic of Korea to sponsor Phase I of Asia-Pacific Geospatial Information Platform
- Encouraged member countries (China, Japan) to support the Secretariat with Junior Professional Officers (JPOs)
- Attended regular meetings with UN-GGIM Secretariat and other Regional Committees
- New UN-GGIM-AP Website approved by EB members and will be launched during the Ninth Plenary meeting



## Our work in 2019-2020

- Enhanced cooperation with partners:
  - UN-GGIM Secretariat & Regional Committees
  - United Nations Geospatial Network
  - WG-Disasters
  - Member countries of Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP)
  - Global Earth Observations (GEO) and its Asia-Oceania Group (AOGEO)
  - World Geospatial Industry Council (WGIC), and
  - ASEAN Research and Training Center for Space Technology and Applications (ARTSA)



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# Work plan for 2020-2021

- Continue working with the UN-GGIM Secretariat to leverage the IGIF and its Implementation Guide, the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework to strengthen national capacities, particularly in least developed countries, land locked developing countries
  - Jointly organize a regional meeting with UN-GGIM Secretariat on IGIF in late November 2020 to share knowledge and experiences including from Fiji, Mongolia, Nepal and Tonga;
  - Support member countries to apply for pilots of IGIF and facilitate the operationalization of IGIF at country level
  - Regular exchange with UN-GGIM Secretariat and other regional Committees
- Organize the EB meeting and the Tenth Plenary meeting of UN-GGIM-AP
  - Support the President and EB members to coordinate and organize the next EB meeting
  - The Tenth Plenary meeting is scheduled in Bali, Indonesia, in November 2021
  - Joint Seminar with China on Geospatial Information Strategy in 2021



# Work plan for 2020-2021

- Support the WG Chairs to implement the recommendations made by WG members
  - Facilitate the Chairs of WGs to organize WG meetings and specific workshops
  - Enhance the exchange and sharing of experiences between regional and global WGs and platforms
- Support and promote the sharing of knowledge, experiences and strengthen regional cooperation among member countries in geospatial information applications to overcome unexpected challenges
  - Regional information platform, website, capacity building and training, research and publications
  - Implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018-2030)
  - Development of the ESCAP's Asia-Pacific Regional Geospatial Information Platform, Phase I (2020-2022)
  - Organize webinars and workshops under specific topics requested by member countries
  - Pooling of regional and global resources



## Work plan for 2020-2021

- Coordinate funding proposals to support implementation of the UN-GGIM-AP work plan
- Enhanced cooperation with United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre in Deqing, China and the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence in Bonn, Germany, after both centres have been established and operationalized;
- Explore possible options for building a geospatial information service center for practical provision of geospatial services and products to member countries of UN-GGIM-AP



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