

Webinar

Strengthening regional cooperation in geospatial data sharing for mitigation of COVID-19 pandemics

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PANELISTS



Ms. Alison Rose

President of UN-GGIM-AP
Chief of Place, Space and Communities Division
Geoscience Australia

Alison Rose was recently appointed the Chief of Geoscience Australia's Place, Space and Communities Division. Prior to her appointment, Alison led the Border Intelligence Support to Operations branch at the Department of Home Affairs providing integrated intelligence support to the Australian Border Force on migration systems, trade enforcement and border protection priorities.

Previously, Alison held senior executive positions within both the private and public sector, including Director of National Government Industry Solutions with Esri – a US-based GIS technology company; delivery of the Department of Defence's corporate and geospatial ICT programs and projects and enterprise information management implementation; and, leadership of the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation's foundation mapping, advanced analytics, training and tradecraft, data and collection management, and customer services.



Ms. Tiziana Bonapace

Secretariat of UN-GGIM-AP
Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division,
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
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Tiziana Bonapace is Director of Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP). Prior to this, Ms. Bonapace was Head of the Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, UN ESCAP.

Ms. Bonapace is an international development economist, who joined the UN in 1990.

Since 2016, Ms. Bonapace has led ESCAP's ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction programme which seeks to build resilience to disasters through improved connectivity and technological innovation.

Throughout her UN career, Ms. Bonapace has led the preparation of studies, research and analytical papers and has participated as a panelist and resource person in many meetings of senior government officials and business leaders.



Dr. David Hudson

Asia Oceania Group on Earth Observations (AOGEO) Co-Chair
Senior Advisor Earth Observation
Geoscience Australia

David Hudson is currently a Co-Chair of the intergovernmental Asia Oceania Group on Earth Observations (AOGEO) and Senior Advisor Earth Observation at Geoscience Australia (GA). In the Australian government David managed GA's Earth Observation Operations team, was deeply involved in the development of Australia's space policy, particularly infrastructure planning and has been deeply involved in the response to natural disasters including Australia's Black Summer and the Black Saturday bushfires. In 2015 he published his Phd, "Uptake of sensor data in emergency management" from the Australian National University. Before GA David worked at the Australian Defence Science and Technology Organisation and Snowy Hydro.



Mr. Zhang Shibai (on behalf of Dr. Wang Qian)

Deputy Division Chief,
Department of International Cooperation (Department of Maritime Rights and Interests)
Ministry of Natural Resources of People's Republic of China

Zhang Shibai is currently Deputy Division Chief, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Natural Resources of China. He has been working in international cooperation on the topics of surveying, mapping and geoinformation for more than 15 years, and now expanded to the fields of biodiversity, ecology, natural resources and spatial planning. He was one of the key players at the former UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat, LoC of UN-WGIC, and is presently responsible for the China-UN Trust Fund Project entitled "Geospatial Information Management Capacity Development in China and other Developing Countries". He hopes to work with other colleagues to promote regional cooperation and information sharing.





Mr. Fujimura Hidenori (on behalf of Mr. Oki Shoichi)

UN-GGIM Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters
Executive Officer for Geospatial Information Policy
Geospatial Information Authority of Japan

Fujimura Hidenori is Executive Officer for Geospatial Information Policy, Geospatial Information Authority Japan (GSI). He is contributing to various UN geospatial collaborations as Lead of the Task Group B (scenario-based exercise) of the UN-GGIM Working Group on ‘Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters’, he is Vice-chair of the UN-GGIM-AP Working Group on ‘Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics’, and Co-Lead of the United Nations Vector Tile Toolkit under Working Group 4 of the UN Open GIS Initiative. He believes in the power of performance and interoperability in promoting geospatial data sharing.



Dr. Antonius B. Wijanarto

Chair of UN-GGIM-AP Working Group on Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics
Deputy Head for Thematic Geospatial Information
Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia

Antonius B. Wijanarto is the Chair of the UN-GGIM-AP Working Group on ‘Integrating Geospatial Information and Statistics’. Since June 2019 he is the Deputy Head for Thematic Geospatial Information at the Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia. Previously, he was the Head of the Center for Geodetic Control Network and Geodynamcis for four years. Antonius B. Wijanarto acquired a PhD in Surveying at the University of Tasmania, Australia in 2000.



Mr. Sanjay Kumar

Secretary General & CEO of the World Geospatial Industry Council (WGIC)
CEO of Geospatial Media and Communications

Sanjay Kumar is the Founder, Secretary-General, and CEO of the World Geospatial Industry Council (WGIC). He is also the founder and CEO of Geospatial Media & Communications, a geospatial knowledge organization. A geospatial evangelist and social entrepreneur, he also serves on the boards of the US National Geospatial Advisory Committee, Open Geospatial Consortium, Radiant Earth Foundation, and International Society for Digital Earth.

Sanjay engages with leaders from different walks of life at global, regional, and national levels – to obtain broad support for the geospatial industry and community. He advises numerous organizations on the importance of geospatial information and knowledge and is involved with the UN-GGIM efforts since its formation. Sanjay continually strives towards developing the industry ecosystem and enables relevant platforms for the government, industry, academia, and multilateral agencies to understand each other better, explore, and engage collaboratively.

