United Nations
Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence

"Listening World Tour"
Virtual Meetings between FIG, IHO and ISO and UN-GGCE

Session A: 20 February 2024 at 08:30 UTC
Session B: 20 February 2024 at 16:00 UTC

Concept Note and Provisional Agenda

The vision of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE) is one where all countries have strong political support for geodesy which enables them to – together – accelerate the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals[1] and derive social, environmental and economic benefits. Our objective is to work with Member States and geodetic organizations to strengthen our collective impact to:

- Enhance investment in the global geodesy supply chain.
- Improve coordination and collaboration amongst Member States and geodetic organizations.
- Share geodetic data and improve standards, on a voluntary basis, to contribute to the global reference frame and regional densifications.
- Provide greater technical assistance, especially for capacity development in geodesy for developing countries.
- Make geodesy and its benefits more visible and understandable to society.

The UN-GGCE recognizes the important role FIG, IHO and ISO partners play in the geodetic community. In particular, the contribution of FIG, IHO and ISO to develop, operate and sustain vital elements of the global geodesy supply chain. Furthermore, your communities are some of the biggest users of the global geodesy supply chain.

One of the UN-GGCE roles is to support our partners in FIG, IHO and ISO to continue to deliver on their mission and objectives. In particular, joining land and sea, developing modern Geospatial Reference Systems, enhancing capacity and ensuring FAIR data.

The staff at the UN-GGCE would like to meet with representatives from FIG, IHO and ISO, listen

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[1] [THE 17 GOALS | Sustainable Development (un.org)](https://sdgs.un.org)

to you and better understand how we can assist you.

Provisional Agenda

1) Welcome and brief introduction of UN-GGCE staff
2) Brief introduction on UN-GGCE vision and strategic objectives
3) Listening to participants. Discussion topics include:
   a) What are the key problems your organizations are facing?
   b) What challenges do these problems lead to?
   c) How could UN-GGCE assist solving these problems?
   d) How can UN-GGCE best interact with your organizations?
   e) What does success in our collaboration look like 1 year from now?
   f) Who would you like UN-GGCE to engage with?
   g) What could we do right now that would help you?
   h) Do you have events coming up where you think it would be useful to engage? And how would you recommend we engage?
   i) Are there other representatives who aren't here you think we should talk to?
4) Summary, next steps and close.

Register and Join

Microsoft Teams meeting

Session A: Register (20 February 2024 at 08:30 UTC)
Click here to register for the meeting.

Session B: Register (20 February 2024 at 16:00 UTC)
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After you register, you will receive an email with a calendar invitation and the link to join on the day.

Participation

The "Listening World Tour" virtual meetings will be open to all members of the FIG, IHO and ISO.

Organizer

These expert consultative meetings are organized by the UN-GGCE, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Recording

The sessions will be recorded to ensure the UN-GGCE staff can accurately record the comments made. The recordings will not be used by anyone outside the UN-GGCE.

Language

The consultative meetings will be conducted in English.

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Background

An agreement "On the Operationalization of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence" between the United Nations and the Federal Republic of Germany was formalized in November 2022. The agreement formalizes the offer from Germany to host the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE) at the UN Campus in Bonn to support the work of enhancing global cooperation and coordination across Member States and relevant geodetic stakeholders, strengthening geodetic infrastructure, as well as supporting Member States in improving their national contributions to the global geodetic infrastructure, as outlined in the Framework Plan of UN-GGCE annexed to the agreement.

UN-GGCE's overarching goal is to assist Member States and geodetic organizations to coordinate and collaborate to sustain, enhance, access and utilize an accurate, accessible and sustainable Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) to support society, science and global development. The objective is to support, within available resources, the implementation of General Assembly resolution [69/266](#) through strengthening and advancing: global geodetic cooperation and coordination; sustainable worldwide geodetic infrastructure; standards and policies; education and capacity development; and communication and awareness; while also coordinating measures and overseeing their implementation.

To strengthen global cooperation and coordination and to improve national contributions to the sustainability and stability of the GGRF, a global geodesy development plan is necessary. This plan addresses the five operational focus areas within the agreed Framework Plan, global geodesy needs and capacities, contributions of geodetic actors and stakeholders, so as to enhance global cooperation and coordination across Member States and relevant international organizations to maximize the benefits of ongoing geodetic efforts, to ensure coherence, and avoid duplication.

For more information and background about the UN-GGCE, visit [UNSD — UN-GGIM](#)