

UN-GGIM Europe to Determine Global Fundamental Geospatial Data Themes



UN-GGIM Europe is to lead work to seek global fundamental geospatial data themes. The mandate to develop this work, which is critical for supporting sustainability, disaster response, land management and environmental resilience, was given to UN-GGIM Europe during the 5th Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). It comes as UN-GGIM Europe adopts its work plan for 2015 to 2018.

UN-GGIM is a catalyst for enhancing geospatial information and, since UN-GGIM Europe was officially established in October 2014, it has contributed in a number of ways. Highlights include outputs from the regional Working Groups such as recommendations for meeting priority user needs; assessing

the data required for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals; and draft work on core data descriptions. Bengt Kjellson, chair of UN-GGIM Europe executive committee, described it as a really exciting and productive first year.

Basis

The mandate from UN-GGIM builds on this work at European level, enabling collaboration with UN Member States, other regional committees and observer organisations across the world. By identifying key national and regional datasets that can be harmonised to form common information frameworks, UN-GGIM Europe aims to establish the basis for a minimum set of agreed global fundamental geospatial data themes, Kjellson explained.

The 2015 to 2018 work plan also includes:

- Further progress on core data and data integration through UN-GGIM: Europe's two working groups.
- Developing and sharing regional initiatives and best practice with UN-GGIM's Global Working Group on a Global Geodetic Reference Frame.
- Contributing practical examples of good practice in land administration and management.

The 2015 to 2018 work plan was adopted at the 2nd Plenary of UN-GGIM Europe.

More information can be found at <http://un-ggim-europe.org>.