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Ninth meeting

Cape Town, South Africa, 14–18 August 2023

Item 2(b) of the provisional agenda*

Adoption of the agenda and the programme of work

Draft programme of work

Workshop segment

<i>Date and time¹</i>	<i>Description</i>
Monday, 14 August 2023	Workshop on the integration of geospatial and statistical information
9–10.20 a.m.	Session 1 Setting the scene Welcome and overall introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Andre Nonguierma • Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Maroale Chauke Participant introductions Introduction to the workshop and its programme
10.30–11.10 a.m.	Session 7 of the thirty-first International Cartographic Conference Keynote presentation: Georg Gartner Location: Auditorium 2

* E/ECA/GGIM-A/9/1.

¹ All times are South Africa Standard Time (universal coordinated time (UTC) + 2).



11.15 a.m.–1 p.m.

Session 2**Realizing the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework**

Facilitating the production and integration of geostatistical information and creating an enabling environment

- Executive, Geographical Information Systems and National Spatial Data Infrastructure, Namibia Statistics Agency, Alex Mudabeti

Value of geospatial information and its integration with statistics, common geographies, and their contribution to monitor and advance the Sustainable Development Goals: perspectives from the second administrative level boundaries programme

- Officer-in-Charge, Cartographic Unit, Geospatial Information Section, United Nations Headquarters, Guillaume Le Sourd

2–2.30 p.m.

Session 3**Integration of statistical and geospatial information in Africa**

African framework for the integration of statistics and geospatial information and ECA initiatives to strengthen national geospatial information management for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Statistician, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Ayenika Godheart

Case studies: ways in which geocoded population and housing census data has been used to support evidence-based decision making in Africa.

- Egypt
- Namibia
- Rwanda
- South Africa

2.30–3.30 p.m.

Session 10G of the thirty-first International Cartographic Conference

Esri seminar: Evolving mapping

Location: Rooms 2.44 and 2.45

Tuesday, 15 August 2023

9–10.30 a.m.

Workshop on geospatial value and integration

Session 4

Geospatial e-learning webinar

Geospatial information governance and the geospatial business model

- Director, ConsultingWhere, Andrew Coote
- Director, Enumanation, Nigel Edmead
- Independent geospatial strategy adviser, John Kedar

10.30–11.10 a.m.

Session 17 of the thirty-first International Cartographic Conference

Keynote presentation: Greg Scott

Location: Auditorium 2

11.10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Session 5

Methodology, tools and standards for geocoding population and housing census data

Use of geocoding software and platforms

- Statistician, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Mr. Godheart

National experiences: introduction to geocoding software, open-source, commercial and cloud-based platforms, data integration and emerging trends : Ghana; Sierra Leone

Global examples of geocoding approaches using traditional and the latest artificial-intelligence-assisted methodologies

- Regional Manager for Africa, Esri, Matthew Pennells

2–3.30 p.m.

Session 6

Validation and analysis of geocoded population and housing census data

Interactive discussion of data validation techniques, spatial analysis, data visualization, validation and analysis tools, best practices and case studies from Burundi, Cameroon, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe

4–5.30 p.m.

Session 7

Case studies and success stories

Presentations by member States, including Burundi, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Zimbabwe, on their experience of geocoding population and housing census data and its impact on evidence-based decision-making, covering data collection and management, data validation and quality, community engagement, technology and innovation, best practices and lessons learned

5.30–6.30 p.m.

Session 8

Closing

Summary of the workshop outcomes and recommendations

Closing remarks by the organizers

Announcement of the next steps and future activities

Formal segment

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item and documentation</i>
Wednesday, 16 August 2023	Ninth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa
9–10.30 a.m.	<p>Item 1</p> <p>Opening of the meeting</p> <p><i>Welcome and introductions</i></p> <p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Mr. Andre Nonguierma • Inter-regional Adviser, United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management, Mr. Greg Scott <p>Goodwill message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space expert, African Union Commission, Mr. Tidiane Ouattara • Director General, Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa, Mr. Mooketsa Ramasodi <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Ms. Maroale Chauke <p>Item 2</p> <p>Organizational matters</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Provisional agenda (E/ECA/GGIM-A/9/1)</p> <p>Draft programme of work (E/ECA/GGIM-A/9/2)</p> <p>Rules of procedure (E/ECA/GGIM-A/1/3)</p>
10.30–11.10 a.m.	<p>Session 26 of the thirty-first International Cartographic Conference</p> <p>Keynote presentation: Patricia Solis</p> <p>Location: Auditorium 2</p>
11.20 a.m.–12.40 p.m.	<p>Item 3</p> <p>Presentation of reports</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Report on the activities of the Regional Committee (E/ECA/GGIM-A/9/4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Ms. Chauke <p>Report on the recommendations of the eighth meeting: status of implementation</p>

- Secretariat, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Mr. Nonguierma

Reports on the revamping of the executive working groups

- Former Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Oumar Ka

Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups:

Private sector

- Representative for Africa, World Geospatial Industry Council, Derek Clarke

Academic network

- Chair, Academic Network, United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, Serena Coetzee

Geographic Names

- Convenor, Task Team for Africa, United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Brahim Atoui

2.30–3.30 p.m.

Item 4

Policy issues: geospatial information management in Africa

Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the global perspective

- Inter-regional Adviser, United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, Mr. Scott

Legislative mandate of African national mapping agencies

- Executive Director, Environmental Information Systems-Africa, Sives Govender

3.30–5.30 p.m.

Item 5

Technical issues: geospatial information framework for development

Programme on the modernization of national mapping activities

- Director, Centre for Study, Research and Production of Information for the Environment and Sustainable Development, André Bassolé

Creating an enabling environment for intervention through policy, governance and coordination

- Senior Programme Officer, Geospatial Insights, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Mollie Van Gordon

GeoAction Africa Project

- Deputy Director, World Geospatial Industry Council, Aaron Addison

Geospatial information in National Treasury activities

- Lead, Economic Development Component, Karen Harrison

Capacity development

- Director General, Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development, Emmanuel Nkurunziza

- Executive Director, African Regional Institute for Geospatial Information Science and Technology, Lazarus Mustapha Ojigi

Africa Geoportal

- Regional Manager for Africa, Esri, Mr. Pennells

African Union Border Programme and border governance

- Geographic Information Systems and Global Navigation Satellite Systems Adviser, German Agency for International Cooperation Office to the African Union, Yannick Le Gléau

Status of implementation of delimitation and demarcation of all African borders

- Coordinator of the African Union Border Programme

Japan International Cooperation Agency and Continuously Operating Reference Station projects

- Deputy General Manager, Pasco Corporation, Kaoru Tsuda

Objectives and activities of the International Federation of Surveyors Africa Regional Network

- Chairperson, International Federation of Surveyors Africa Regional Network, Mohammed Mamman Kabir

Thursday, 17 August 2023

9–10.20 a.m.

Ninth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa

Item 6

New trends: shared vision for geospatial information management

CLOSED MEETING: attendance by invitation only

Partnership and key initiatives

Activity plan for 2023: issues for consideration

- Secretariat, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Mr. Nonguierma

Establishing an overarching machinery for Geospatial Information Management, such as a conference of ministers or a summit of Heads of State, appointing a high-level advisory committee, identifying an African geospatial champion and achieving the financial engagement of member States in the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa and setting the criteria for contributions

- Independent consultant, Sultan Mohamed

10.30–11.10 a.m.

Session 35 of the thirty-first International Cartographic Conference

Keynote presentation: Pali Lehohla

Location: Auditorium 2

11.20 a.m.–12 p.m.

Item 7
Special topics

Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure and growing the geospatial value chain for social and economic development in our knowledge age

- Independent geospatial strategy adviser, Mr. Kedar

Technology and special modernization bundle updates from Esri

- Regional Manager for Africa, Esri, Mr. Pennells

12–12.40 p.m.

Item 8
Adoption of the report on the ninth meeting

For discussion

Note by the secretariat of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa containing the draft report and decisions of the ninth meeting

- Main outcomes of the ninth meeting
- Recommendations
- Adoption of the report

Item 9

Proposed dates for the tenth meeting

Item 10

Other matters

Item 11

Closing of the meeting

Concluding remarks by ECA, the secretariat of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, the Executive Board of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, countries and partners

Workshop segment (continued)

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Thursday, 17 August 2023	SDG Data Alliance workshop 1: country-level action plans for the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework²
2–5.30 p.m.	<p>Workshop objectives and expected outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent geospatial strategy adviser, Mr. Kedar <p>Introduction; Why, What and How ‘the SDG Data Alliance’?</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement</p> <p>Identifying common national circumstances</p> <p>Identifying common national strategic priorities</p> <p>Panel discussion on early lessons from implementing a country-level action plan</p> <p>Starting the action-plan journey</p> <p>The future</p> <p>Questions</p>
6.30–10 p.m.	<p>Session 41 of the thirty-first International Cartographic Conference</p> <p>Conference dinner</p> <p>Location: Gold restaurant</p>
Friday, 18 August 2023	SDG Data Alliance workshop 2: SDG Data Hub Accelerator
8.30–11.15 a.m.	<p>Welcome and introduction of participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Mr. Nonguierma Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Ms. Chauke <p>Introduction to the SDG Data Alliance and SDG Data Hubs</p> <p>SDG Data Hub demonstrations</p> <p>SDG Data Alliance approach to deploying an SDG Data Hub</p> <p>Implementing the Hub – experiences, successes and challenges</p> <p>A global geostatistics case study on Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>Global and regional data sets on the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>Questions and discussion</p>
11.15–11.20 a.m.	<p>Workshop closure</p> <p>Wrap-up, conclusions, the way forward and recommendations</p>

² Further information on SDG Data Alliance workshop 1 and 2 can be found at <https://icc2023.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/SDG-Data-Alliance-Workshops-Concept-Note-11Jun2023.pdf>.

11.20 a.m.–12 p.m.

Opportunity to view SDG Data Hubs and meet SDG Data
Alliance experts

2–4 p.m.

**Session 47 of the thirty-first International Cartographic
Conference**

Closing session

Location: Auditorium 2
