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UN GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy Education, Training, and Capacity Building Working Group 2019 Activity Summary

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**United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2015:
Global Geodetic Reference Frames
for Sustainable Development**

New York, 26 February 2015

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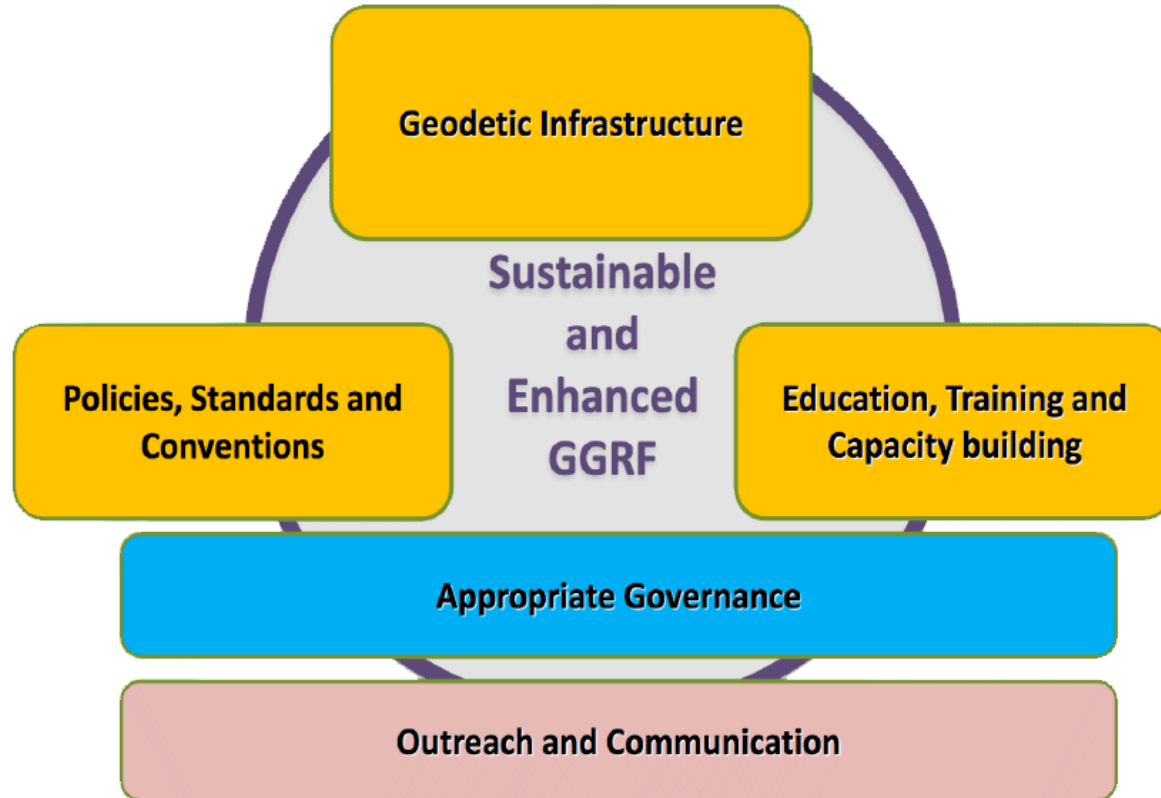


UN GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy

Working toward an accurate, sustainable and accessible
Global Geodetic Reference Frame
to support science and society

Road Map VISION

An accurate, sustainable and accessible Global Geodetic Reference Frame to support science and society



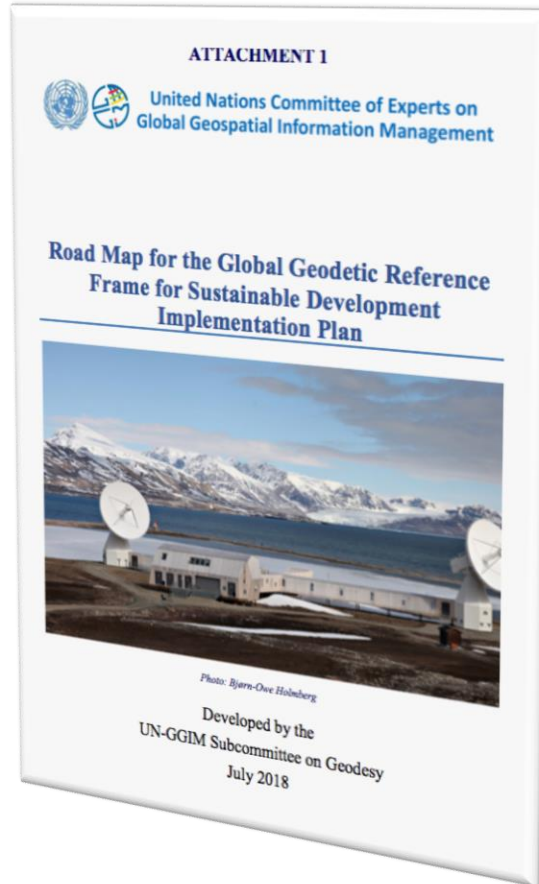
*“A global reference frame is key if you want to be able to compare data from all continents; and to **empower** scientists from all parts of the world – to really give precise information, to make the planet a better place.”*

*– Erik Solheim, Executive Director
United Nations Environment Programme*

SCoG Education, Training, and Capacity Building

Current situation

- Utilisation of the GGRF helps build a foundation for a country's development and sustainability. A lack of geodetic skills blocks this utilisation. Hence, **a lack of geodetic competence and capability hinders a Member States [geodetic] development and sustainability**
- The skills required to install and operate geodetic instruments, and analyse the data, are very specific and mastered by only a small number of people worldwide
- The aforementioned skillsets are not generally taught in mainstream higher education programs
- Some countries have geodetic capability, but only in small numbers of people, resulting in reduced capacity to contribute to the GGRF
- Other countries have neither capability nor capacity
- IAG and FIG currently offer some capability development activities



2019 Focus: Capacity Building through International Cooperation



Sendai Framework
for Disaster Risk Reduction
2015 - 2030



INTEGRATED GEOSPATIAL
INFORMATION FRAMEWORK

- Geodetic **capacity assessment and gap analysis**
- **Ongoing identification of existing capacity building resources** and enabling discovery and intuitive interoperability
- **Regionally-focused** capacity building workshops
- Special sessions at large international conferences and workshops (**FIG, IGS, and IAG collaborations**)
- Cross-linkages to **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
- Nomenclature standardization and framework organization in alignment with the **UN GGIM-World Bank Integrated Geospatial Information Framework**

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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework



Why do we need this Framework?

“Everything happens somewhere”

- Increasing recognition that spatial information is fundamental to good decision making.
- To maximise the use of our spatial data, there is a need to:
 1. standardise how we talk about spatial data;
 2. identify gaps and develop ‘fit for purpose’ plans; and
 3. improve the quality, accuracy, interoperability and accessibility of spatial data.
- The Integrated Geospatial Information Framework aims to help achieve these goals.

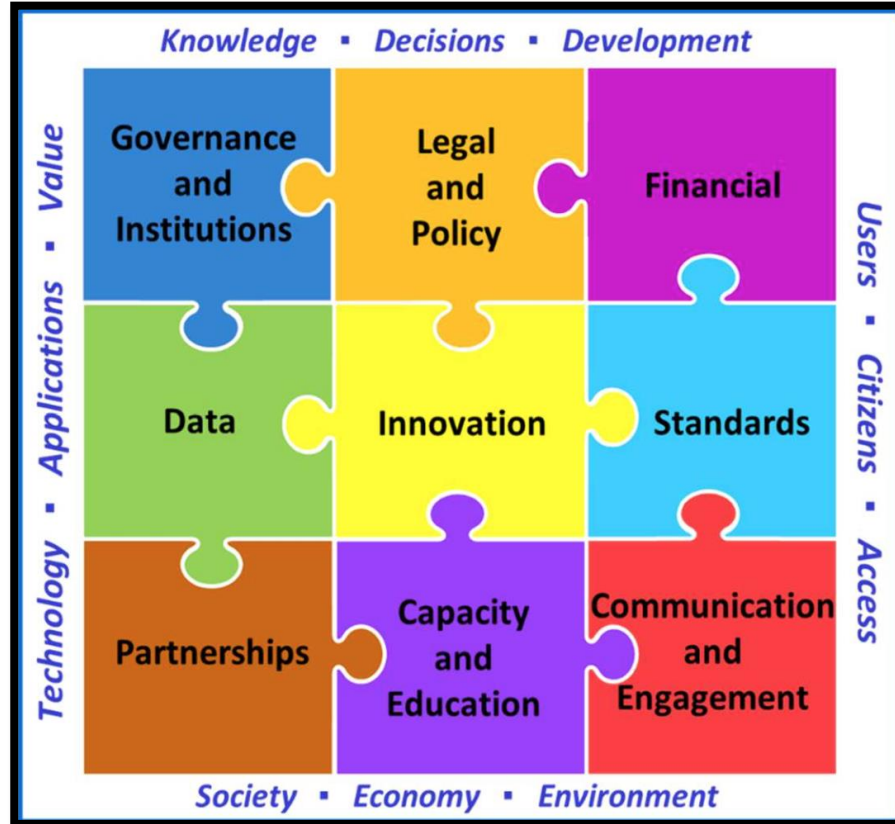
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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

Governance →

Technology →

People →

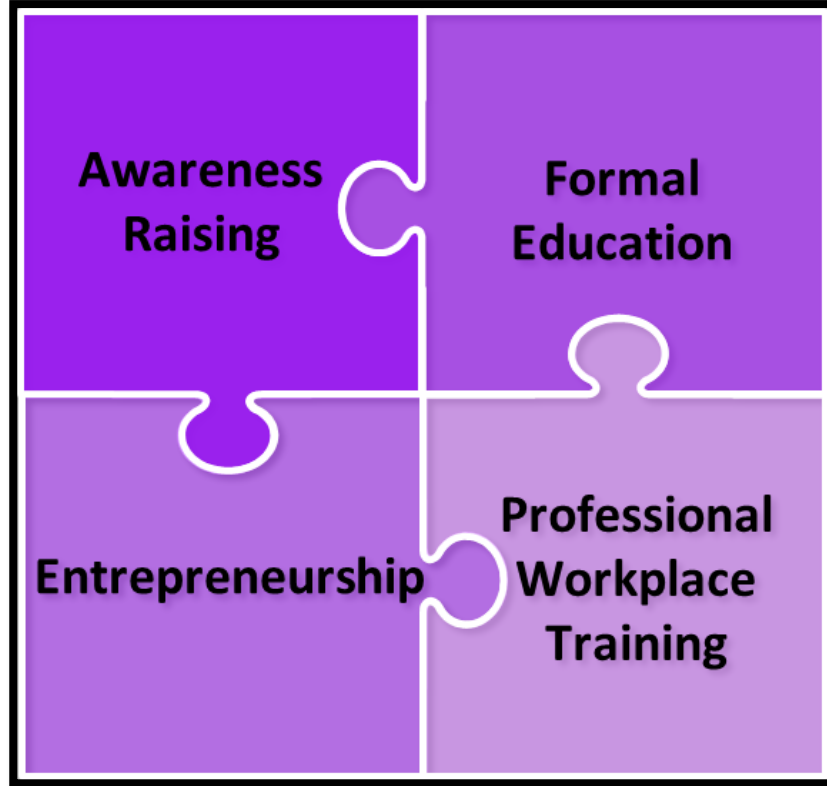


- 9 strategic pathways
- 3 main area of influence:
 - **governance;**
 - **technology;** and
 - **people.**
- Seek to maximise the geospatial information by making it **available and accessible** to governments, community, businesses, academia, and civil societies **innovate, co-create and develop new products, services, and applications that deliver new knowledge for evidence-based policy and decision-making.**

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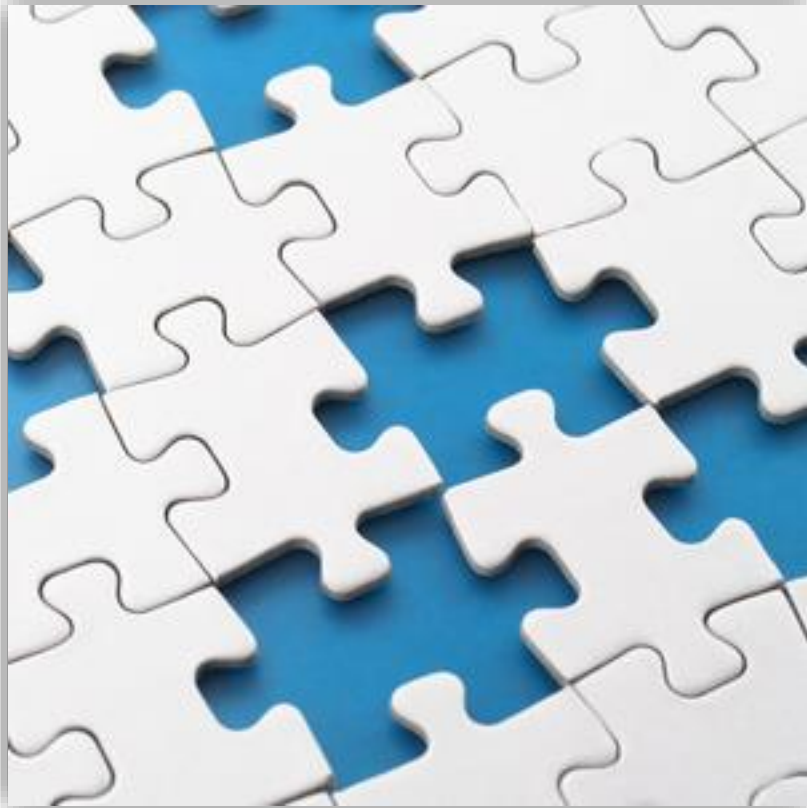
Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

STRATEGIC PATHWAY 8: CAPACITY AND EDUCATION



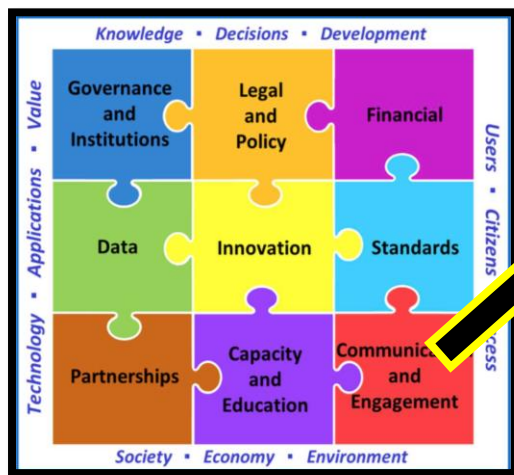
- This strategic pathway establishes *enduring capacity building programs and education systems* so that geospatial information management and entrepreneurship can be sustained in the longer term.
- The objective is to *raise awareness and develop and strengthen the skills, instincts, abilities, processes and resources* that organizations and communities require to utilize geospatial information for decision-making

Identify gaps and develop 'fit for purpose' plans



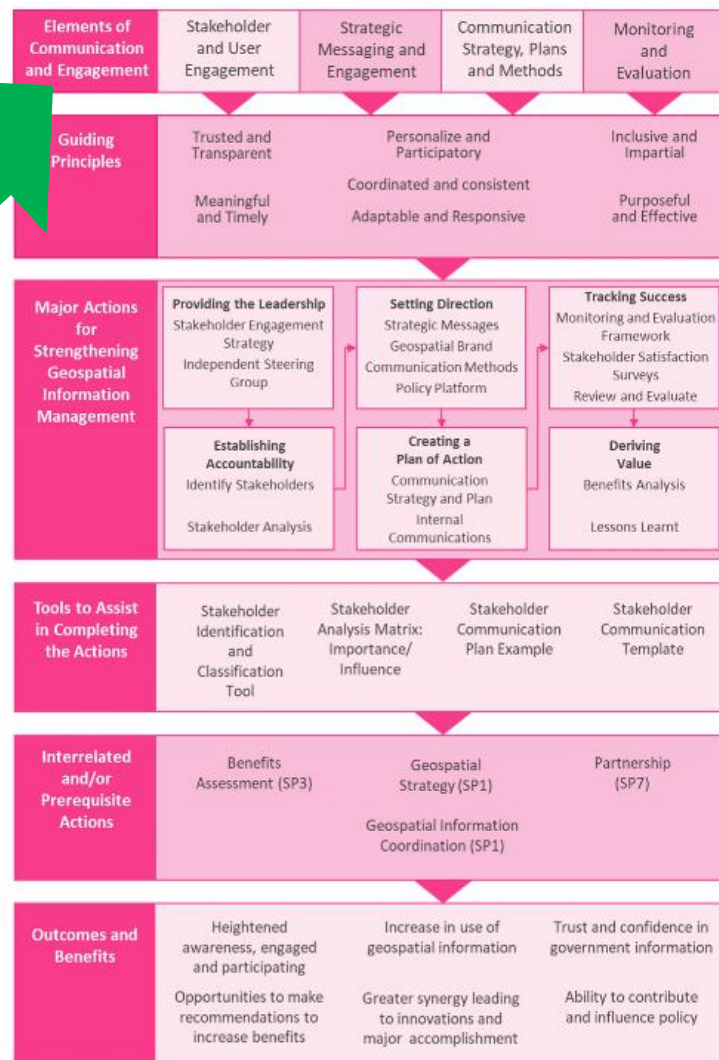
- Identify critical gaps in spatial data infrastructure and describe them in a standardised way.
 - This can be used to support applications for assistance (e.g. World Bank).
- Developing countries can compare their IGIF to developed countries IGIF and develop a plan for further development.
 - This plan can be tailored to individual country's situations and circumstances.

Part 2: Implementation Guide Overall Structure Communications Example



The overall structure shows the four key elements, guiding principles, actions and interrelated actions; and the tools provided to support the achievement of these outcomes

http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/documents/IGIF_SP9-Communication_and_Engagement_FIRST_DRAFT.pdf



**Elements of
Communication
and Engagement**

Stakeholder
and User
Engagement

Strategic
Messaging and
Engagement

Communication
Strategy, Plans
and Methods

Monitoring
and
Evaluation

**Guiding
Principles**

Trusted and
Transparent

Personalize and
Participatory

Inclusive and
Impartial

Meaningful
and Timely

Coordinated and consistent
Adaptable and Responsive

Purposeful
and Effective

**Major Actions
for
Strengthening
Geospatial
Information**

Providing the Leadership
Stakeholder Engagement
Strategy
Independent Steering
Group

Setting Direction
Strategic Messages
Geospatial Brand
Communication Methods
Policy Platform

Tracking Success
Monitoring and Evaluation
Framework
Stakeholder Satisfaction
Surveys
Review and Evaluate

**Tools to Assist
in Completing
the Actions**

Stakeholder
Identification
and
Classification
Tool

Stakeholder
Analysis Matrix:
Importance/
Influence

Stakeholder
Communication
Plan Example

Stakeholder
Communication
Template

**Interrelated
and/or
Prerequisite
Actions**

Benefits
Assessment (SP3)

Geospatial
Strategy (SP1)

Partnership
(SP7)

Geospatial Information
Coordination (SP1)

**Outcomes and
Benefits**

Heightened
awareness, engaged
and participating

Increase in use of
geospatial information

Trust and confidence in
government information

Opportunities to make

Greater synergy leading

Ability to contribute

Next Steps

- Continue targeted participation at workshops and conferences
 - Present results of Geodetic Capacity Survey at FIG Working Week, May 2020 in Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - Organize or support Capacity Building sessions at ICG workshops and other events
- Develop a “geodesy thematic layer” identifying various potential geodetic elements that can be used in developing an IGIF Action Plan
- Work with countries currently in the pilot project cohort of IGIF Action Plan applications

For more Information and
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