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## Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

### Thirteenth session

New York, 2–4 August 2023

Agenda item 19

### Report of the Committee of Experts on its thirteenth session

## Draft report

*Rapporteur:* Mr. Kamal **Outghouliast** (Morocco)

## Organization of the session

### A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee of Experts held its thirteenth session from 2 to 4 August 2023 at Headquarters. The Committee held six meetings (1st to 6th).

### B. Election of officers

2. At its 1st meeting, on 2 August 2023, the Committee of Experts elected the following officers by acclamation:

*Co-Chairs:*

Ingrid Vanden Berghe (Belgium)  
Fernand Eanes Bale (Côte d'Ivoire)  
Paloma Merodio Gómez (Mexico)

*Rapporteur:*

Kamal Outghouliast (Morocco)

### C. Agenda and organization of work

3. At its 1st meeting, on 2 August, the Committee of Experts adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document [E/C.20/2023/1](#). The agenda read as follows:



1. Election of officers.
  2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
  3. Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements.
  4. Contribution of regional committees to the global geospatial information agenda.
  5. Contribution of thematic networks to the global geospatial information agenda.
  6. The future geospatial information ecosystem.
  7. Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.
  8. Global geodetic reference frame.
  9. Geospatial information for sustainable development and climate resilience.
  10. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information.
  11. Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management.
  12. Geospatial information and services for disasters.
  13. Integrated marine geospatial information.
  14. Policy and legal frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data.
  15. Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community.
  16. Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.
  17. Programme management report.
  18. Provisional agenda and dates of the fourteenth session.
  19. Report of the Committee of Experts on its thirteenth session.
4. At the same meeting, the Committee of Experts approved the organization of work for the session, as contained in document [E/C.20/2023/3](#).

#### **D. Attendance**

5. The session was attended by \_\_\_ participants, including \_\_\_ representatives of \_\_\_ Member States and \_\_\_ representatives of \_\_\_ non-member States. Also present were \_\_\_ representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. The list of participants is available from the website of the Committee of Experts at [http://ggim.un.org/ggim\\_committee.html](http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html).
6. The Committee of Experts invited the following non-governmental organizations and other entities, which do not have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to participate in the work of the session as observers: Adrienne Arsht – Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center; Aligarh Muslim University; Amazon Web Services Space and Satellite Solutions; Atlantic Council; Atlas AI P.B.C.; Carleton University; Centre for Spatial Law and Policy; City University of New York; CodeGreen Labs PBC; Columbia University; ConsultingWhere; Deutsche Gesellschaft

für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH – Ethiopia Office; Digimentors; East View Geospatial; Esri; EuroSDR; Geomares; Geospatial World; GeoTechVision; Global Marketing Insights, Inc.; Google; Hexagon; John Kedar Geospatial Initiatives, Ltd.; KAN Territory & IT; Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd.; Laval University, University of Calgary; Let's Envision!; LinKay Technologies, Inc.; Location International; Lynker; MapAction; New Moon Films; New York University; Orbital Africa; PASCO Corporation; PLACE Foundation; Politecnico di Milano; Positioning Insights; PVBLIC Foundation; QenLab, Inc.; Rasdaman GmbH; Shaoxing University; Sustainable Development Solutions Network; Ter Haar Geoinnovation Limited; Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; Three Trees and a Map PR, Ltd.; Trimble; University of Melbourne; University of Montreal; University of Stuttgart; University of the Republic; University of Vermont; World Geospatial Industry Council; World Resources Institute; and Yogi Vemana University.

## **E. Documentation**

7. The documents before the Committee of Experts at its thirteenth session are available from the Committee's website at [http://ggim.un.org/ggim\\_committee.html](http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html).

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