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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report jointly prepared by the Secretariat and the working group on geospatial information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/15th-session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the efforts to ensure that the contributions of the global geospatial information management community are aligned with the needs of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its key principles and that they are used in measuring and monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals.

Summary of the report

At its fourteenth session, held in New York from 7 to 9 August 2024, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 14/107, in which it welcomed the report jointly prepared by the Secretariat and the working group on geospatial information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, and efforts to ensure that the contributions of the global geospatial information management community are aligned with the needs of the 2030 Agenda. The Committee also reaffirmed that geospatial information was critical for sustainable development and would be for the post-2030 global development agenda, urged the working group to stress and address the importance of integrating all relevant forms of geospatial information, including Earth observations and in situ data, essential to help countries to meet the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda and to leave no one behind, and in that regard to note that many countries still struggled, and needed support, to collect, integrate and apply geospatial information needed for the indicator framework of the 2030 Agenda.

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In the report, the Secretariat and the working group provide information on the efforts made to strengthen the use of geospatial information in addressing the needs of the 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals and other global development agendas. The working group also discusses the outcomes of the fifty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission, including its submission of a background document entitled “Rescuing the SDGs with geospatial information: how geospatial information can transform the production, measurement, monitoring, and dissemination of SDG indicators” and the progress made in the implementation of its workplan for 2025. The report also includes information on activities aimed at ensuring that the contribution of the global geospatial information community remains aligned with the 2030 Agenda and other global development agendas.
