



# **First Virtual Seminar**

## **Why implement the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) in my country?**

**Facilitated by UN-GGIM: Americas**

**Thursday, July 7, 2022**

**10:00 – 12:00 (EST)**

### **CONCEPT NOTE**

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#### **Introduction**

Citizens, communities, businesses, governments and many other actors benefit every day (often unknowingly) from the use of geospatial information and location-based services. This is because geospatial information provides the digital connection between a place, people and their activities and is also used to know what is happening, where, how and why. It is also used to model and represent the impact of past, present and possible future scenarios.

Geospatial information is a nation's “digital currency” for evidence-based decision making. It is an indispensable component of a national infrastructure and knowledge economy, providing a model of what happens and where and the means to integrate a wide variety of public services that contribute to economic growth, national security, sustainable development, environmental sustainability and national prosperity.

The Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) was developed collaboratively between the United Nations and the World Bank, with the purpose of providing guidance to countries in developing and strengthening their national and subnational agreements on geospatial information management and related infrastructure.

The IGIF provides strategic guidance for the implementation of integrated solutions for evidence-based decision-making and the maximization and use of national information systems that are adapted to the individual situations and circumstances of each country.

The Framework is intended to help countries move towards e-economies, services and commerce to improve services to citizens, build capacity to use geospatial technology, improve informed decision-making processes of governments, facilitate the development of the private sector, take practical actions to achieve digital transformation and bridge the geospatial digital divide in the implementation of national strategic priorities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The webinar is open to the participation diverse representatives of the national geospatial community. Along with those organizations leading the national SDI, technicians and decision makers from diverse sectors of public administration (statistics, health, education, environment, natural resources, housing, public works, energy, disasters management, social, agriculture, among others), diverse territorial levels (states, subregions, departments, municipalities), and academic and private sector, will be mostly welcomed. Representatives from regional organizations and initiatives related to geospatial information management will be also a valuable target audience.

The main objectives of the seminar are:

- Disseminate the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) to a broad spectrum of institutional actors linked to the management of geospatial and statistical information.
- Share good practices on the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework at the national level.
- Provide a space for regional discussion and provide guidance to Member States on the actions to be considered for the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and its nine strategic pathways at the country level, with the support of the IGIF Implementation Guide and other tools and materials produced by the UN-GGIM Secretariat and the World Bank.
- Analyze the needs and challenges that Member States may have in these matters.

### Agenda

<b>10:00 – 10:05</b>	Welcome remarks <i>Sofía Nilo - President UN-GGIM: Americas</i> <i>Stefan Schweinfest - UNSD/UNGGIM</i> <i>Paloma Merodio – Co-chair UN-GGIM</i>
<b>10:05 – 10:15</b>	The importance of implementing the IGIF <i>Deirdre Bishop – Co-chair HLG-IGIF</i>
<b>10:15– 10:25</b>	National IGIF assessments in the Americas – findings and priorities for action <i>Álvaro Monett - ECLAC</i>
<b>10:25 – 10:35</b>	IGIF national implementation experience <i>Tulu Bedada, Ethiopia</i>
<b>10:35 – 10:45</b>	IGIF national implementation experience <i>Meizyanne Hicks, Fiji</i>
<b>10:45 – 11:45</b>	Breakout Session: main national challenges and needs to implement the IGIF <i>All – Results of the questionnaire on priority issues</i>
<b>11:45 – 11:55</b>	Wrap and conclusions <i>Cecille Blake – UN-GGIM Secretariat</i>
<b>11:55 – 12:00</b>	Final remarks and closure <i>Sofía Nilo - President UN-GGIM: Americas</i> <i>Rolando Ocampo – Statistics Division ECLAC</i>