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**Economic Commission for Africa  
Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial  
Information Management for Africa**

Tenth meeting  
Addis Ababa (hybrid), 30 October–1 November 2024

Item 2(b) of the provisional agenda\*  
**Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda  
and the programme of work**

### Draft programme of work

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

**Wednesday, 30 October**

#### Formal segment

9–10.20 a.m. **Plenary session of the ninth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa**

For information, see document E/ECA/STATCOM/9/2024/2

Opening and keynote remarks

11 a.m.–2 p.m. **Opening of the meeting** (agenda item 1)

Welcome remarks

- Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Maroale Mimi Martha Chauke
- Interregional Adviser, secretariat of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management, Greg Scott

Goodwill message

- Coordinator, Global Monitoring for Environment and Security and Africa, and space science expert, African Union Commission, Tidiane Ouattara

\* E/ECA/GGIM-A/10/1/Rev.1.



Opening remarks

- Director, African Centre for Statistics, ECA, Oliver Chinganya

**Organizational matters** (agenda item 2)

Election of the members of the Executive Board

*For discussion*

Provisional agenda (E/ECA/GGIM-A/10/1)

Draft programme of work (E/ECA/GGIM-A/10/2)

Rules of procedure (E/ECA/GGIM-A/1/3)

**Presentation of reports** (agenda item 3)

*For discussion*

Report on the activities of the Regional Committee (E/ECA/GGIM-A/10/4)

- Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Maroale Mimi Martha Chauke

Revamping the executive working groups

- Director, Office of Cartography and Geographical Affairs, National Agency for Land-Use Planning, Senegal, Oumar H. Ka

Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups:

Private sector

- Adviser – United Nations entities, secretariat of the World Geospatial Industry Council, Derek Clarke

Academic network

- Head of Programme, United Nations University Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources, Serena Coetzee

Global geodetic reference frame

- Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Geodesy, United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management, Fernand Bale

**Policy issues** (agenda item 4)

Recommendations of the ninth meeting: status of implementation

Partnership and other initiatives

Secretariat and regional committees

- Representative of the secretariat of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management

Overarching geospatial governance machinery in Africa

- Independent consultant, Sultan Mohammed Alya

Activity plan of the Regional Committee for 2024: issues for consideration

- Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Andre Nonguierma

2.30–5.30 p.m. **Technical issues** (agenda item 5)

United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

- Representative of the secretariat of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management

SDG Data Alliance

- Representative of the secretariat of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management, Greg Scott

Africa Geoportal

- Director for Global Community Engagement, Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Matthew Pennells

Climate change and food security: sustaining the future with the Digital Earth Africa platform

- Representative of Digital Earth Africa

A sustainable model for delivering digital public infrastructure

- Managing Partner, PLACE Trust, Denise McKenzie

Role of common geographies: management and standards – regional perspectives and status in relation to the second administrative level boundaries programme

- Representative of the Geospatial Information Section, United Nations Headquarters

Geospatial standards and the Open Geospatial Consortium

- Chief Executive Officer, Open Geospatial Consortium, Peter Rabley

Capacity development

- Director General, Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development, Emmanuel Nkurunziza
- Deputy Executive Director, African Regional Institute for Geospatial Information Science and Technology, Abdoulaye Belem

## Thursday, 31 October

### Formal segment (continued)

9–10.30 a.m. **Joint session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa**

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Keynote introduction: “Integrated geospatial information management for disasters”

- Representative, Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters, United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management  
National experiences of using geospatial information for disaster risk management
- Representatives of selected African countries

10.30–11 a.m. **Modernizing censuses with geographic information systems**

- Global Business Development Manager, ESRI, Richard Estephan

**Programme on the modernization of national mapping activities in Africa**

- Director, Centre for Study, Research and Production of Information for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Andre Bassole

11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **ESRI geographic information systems for good programme**

- Global Business Development Manager, ESRI, Richard Estephan

2–5.30 p.m. **Technical issues** (agenda item 5)

**Expert group on the integration of statistics and geospatial information**

- Chief, International and National Engagement Branch, Census Bureau of the United States of America, Joshua Coutts

**New trends** (agenda item 6)

**Building land management information systems to integrate statistical and geospatial information**

- Business Development Manager, ESRI, Carsten Bjornsson

**National experiences of integrating statistics and geospatial information**

- Representatives of Senegal and South Africa

**Adoption of the report on the tenth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa** (agenda item 7)

*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 tenth meeting

Main outcomes of the tenth meeting

Recommendations

Adoption of the report

**Proposed dates for the eleventh meeting** (agenda item 8)

**Other matters** (agenda item 9)

**Closing of the meeting** (agenda item 10)

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

**Friday, 1 November**

**Workshop segment: workshop on the integration of geospatial and statistical information**

9–10.30 a.m.

**Session I**

**Setting the scene**

Welcome and introductions

- Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Andre Nonguierma

Outline of the organization of work and review of workshop discussion topics

Progress report on the integration of geography and statistics in Africa

- Statistician and Cartographer, ECA, Ayenika Godheart

Interactive discussion

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Session II**

**Geocoding and the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework**

Linking geocoding and the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework for the integration of statistical and geospatial information

- Statistician and Cartographer, ECA, Ayenika Godheart

National experiences

- Representatives of the Governments of Cameroon, Namibia, Sierra Leone, South Africa and South Sudan

- Interactive discussion

**Session III**

**Geocoding, geospatial standards, spatial analysis and dissemination**

Geocoding and geospatial standards for data tabulation of the International Organization for Standardization

- Representative of ECA

National experiences

- Two country presentations

Interactive discussion

2–3.30 p.m.

**Session IV**

**Wrap-up**

Conclusions, way forward and recommendations

3.30–4.30 p.m.

**Closing session of the ninth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa**

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Official closing by the guest of honour

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