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**Economic Commission for Africa**  
**Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial**  
**Information Management for Africa**  
Eleventh meeting  
Accra (hybrid), 17–21 November 2025

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda\*  
**Adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

### Draft programme of work

#### Monday, 17 November

**Eleventh meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa: workshop segment**

**Workshop on the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework**

9–10.30 a.m.

#### **Session I** **Setting the scene**

Welcome and introductions

- Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Andre Nonguierma
- Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Clinton Heimann
- Director, United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre, Li Pengde
- Acting Executive Secretary, Lands Commission, Ghana, Anthony Owusu-Ansah

Introduction of participants

Overview of the workshop and its programme

10.30–11 a.m.

Break

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

#### **Session II** **Mandates, responsibilities and progress achieved under the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management**

Overview of progress made in enhancing global geospatial information management and associated responsibilities

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>
1–2 p.m.	Lunch
2–3.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session III</b> <b>Status reports</b></p> <p>Status reports on the current situation and progress concerning the implementation of national geospatial strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives of member States, regional entities and organizations, subject matter experts and stakeholders (to be confirmed)</li> </ul> <p>Best practices and experiences from States relating to the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives of member States, regional entities and organizations, subject matter experts and stakeholders (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>
3.30–4 p.m.	Break
4–5.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session III (continued)</b> <b>Status reports</b></p> <p>Status reports on the current situation and progress concerning the implementation of national geospatial strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives of member States, regional entities and organizations, subject matter experts and stakeholders (to be confirmed)</li> </ul> <p>Best practices and experiences from States relating to the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives of member States, regional entities and organizations, subject matter experts and stakeholders (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>

## Tuesday, 18 November

	<i>For information only</i>
9–10.30 a.m.	<p><b>Plenary session of the AfricaGIS 2025 Conference</b></p> <p>Opening remarks and keynote address</p>

**Eleventh meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa: workshop segment (continued)**

**Workshop on the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (continued)**

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p><b>Session IV</b>  <b>Introduction to the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and country-level action plan process</b></p> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (to be confirmed)</li> </ul> <p>Enhancing national geospatial information management arrangements and accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals using the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (to be confirmed)</li> </ul> <p>Introduction to the country-led approach to preparing a country-level action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>
1–2 p.m.	Lunch
2–3.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session V</b>  <b>Introduction to self-assessment tools</b></p> <p>Self-assessment approaches to considering the status of progress, including areas of improvement, gaps, tracking and reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>
3.30–4 p.m.	Break
4–5.30 p.m.	<p><b>Session VI</b>  <b>Developing leadership through multi-stakeholder cooperation</b></p> <p>Multi-stakeholder partnerships and multisectoral approaches from government, the private sector, the academic community, civil society and international organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (to be confirmed)</li> </ul> <p>Collaborative approaches and the integration of cross-cutting knowledge and capacities for comprehensive and inclusive geospatial programmes and activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>

5.30–6.30 p.m.

## **Session VII**

### **Summary and wrap-up**

Summary and wrap-up of the first two days of the event and discussion of next steps

- Representative of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (to be confirmed)

### **Closing of the meeting**

Concluding remarks

- Representatives of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre, ECA, the Executive Board of the Regional Committee, member States and partners

## **Wednesday, 19 November**

<i>For information only</i>	
9–10.35 a.m.	<b>Plenary session of the AfricaGIS 2025 Conference</b>

### **Eleventh meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa: formal segment**

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

### **Opening of the meeting** (agenda item 1)

Welcome remarks

- Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Mr. Heimann
- Geospatial Information Management Officer, secretariat of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management, Guillaume Le Sourd

Goodwill message

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

Opening remarks

- Director, ECA, (to be confirmed)

### **Organizational matters** (agenda item 2)

#### **Election of the Executive Board**

#### **Adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

Provisional agenda (E/ECA/GGIM-A/11/1)

Draft programme of work (E/ECA/GGIM-A/11/2)

#### **Rules of procedure**

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/11/4)

- Chair, Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, Mr. Heimann

Report on the activities of the executive working groups

- Convenor, executive working groups (to be confirmed)

Contributions of regional committees and thematic groups:

Private sector

- Representative for Africa, World Geospatial Industry Council, Derek Clarke

Academic network

- Representative of the Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology, University of Pretoria (to be confirmed)

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 tenth 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 (to be confirmed)

Overarching geospatial governance machinery in Africa

- International consultant, Sultan Mohammed Alya

Activity plan of the Regional Committee for 2026: issues for consideration

- Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Mr. Nonguierma

1–2.30 p.m.

Lunch

2.30–3.30 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 (to be confirmed)

SDG Data Alliance

- Executive Director, SDG Data Alliance, Greg Scott

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

- Capacity Development Lead, Digital Earth Africa, Kenneth Mubea

A sustainable model for delivering digital public infrastructure

- Partner, Community and Ethics, PLACE, Denise McKenzie

3.30–4 p.m.

Break

4–4.30 p.m.

**Technical issues** (agenda item 5) (continued)

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

- Representative of the Cartographic Unit, Geospatial Information Section, United Nations (to be confirmed)

Geospatial standards and the Open Geospatial Consortium

- Chief Executive Officer, Open Geospatial Consortium, Peter Rabley

Use of technical cooperation by the Government of Japan

- Deputy General Manager, PASCO (Japan), Kaoru Tsuda

Capacity development

- Director General, Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development, Emmanuel Nkurunziza
- Executive Director, African Regional Institute for Geospatial Information Science and Technology, Lazarus M. Ojigi

## Thursday, 20 November

	<i>For information only</i>
9–10.30 a.m.	<p><b>Plenary session of the AfricaGIS 2025 Conference</b></p> <p>Keynote speech on strategies for land economics, spatial activity and principles of governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President, International Federation of Surveyors, Diane Dumashie</li> </ul> <p>Experience of member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives of Burundi, Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p>

**Eleventh meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa: formal segment**  
(continued)

11 a.m–1 p.m.

**New trends** (agenda item 6)

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

Geospatial artificial intelligence: training series to support and spotlight the use of geospatial and artificial intelligence tools in sustainable development

- Director, SDGs Today, Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Maryam Rabiee

Looking to the future of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management in Africa

Next-generation sustainability: advancing the future with geospatial intelligence

- To be confirmed

Presentation by countries, partners and other stakeholders

- To be determined

1–2 p.m.

Lunch

2–3.30 p.m.

**Special topics** (agenda item 7)

Geospatial knowledge infrastructure

- Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Geospatial World, Sanjay Kumar

Building integrated land management information systems for the integration of statistical and geospatial information

- Programme Manager, Esri, Carsten Bjornsson

Experience of member States

- Representatives of Ghana, Morocco, Senegal and South Africa

Interactive discussion

Modernizing censuses with geographic information systems

- Director, Executive Program and Geo Experience Center, Esri, Linda Peters

Experience of member States

- Representatives of Algeria, Eritrea and Liberia

	Shared vision for geospatial information management <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be determined</li></ul>
	Presentation by countries, partners and other stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be determined</li></ul>
3.30–4 p.m.	Break
4–5.30 p.m.	<b>Adoption of the report on the eleventh meeting</b> (agenda item 8) <i>For discussion</i> Note by the secretariat of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa containing the draft report and recommendations of the eleventh meeting Main outcomes of the eleventh meeting Recommendations Adoption of the report <b>Proposed dates for the twelfth meeting</b> (agenda item 9) <b>Other matters</b> (agenda item 10) <b>Closing of the meeting</b> (agenda item 11) Concluding remarks by representatives of ECA, the secretariat of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management, the Executive Board, countries and partners

## Friday, 21 November

### **Eleventh meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa: workshop segment** (continued)

#### **Workshop on the integration of geospatial and statistical information**

9–10.30 a.m.	<b>Session I</b> <b>Setting the scene</b> Welcome and introduction of participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chief, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Mr. Nonguierma</li></ul> Outline of the organization of work and review of workshop discussion topics Progress report on the integration of geography and statistics in Africa, followed by an interactive discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statistician, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Ayenika Godheart</li></ul>
10.30–11 a.m.	Break



11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Session II****Linking geocoding with the global statistical geospatial framework for the integration of statistical and geospatial information**

- Statistician, Geospatial Information Management Section, ECA, Mr. Godheart

Experience of member States

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

Interactive discussion

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

Presentation by ECA on geocoding and geospatial standards of the International Organization for Standardization for data tabulation

Experience of member States

- Representatives of two member States

Interactive discussion

1–2 p.m.

Lunch

2–3.30 p.m.

**Session IV****Wrap-up and conclusions**

Way forward and recommendations

3.30–4.30 p.m.

*For information only***Closing session of the AfricaGIS 2025 Conference**

Official closing by the guest of honour