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Geospatial Information Management

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- ❖ “The Conference recognized the growing importance of integrating statistical and geospatial information and encouraged statistical and geospatial organizations to deepen their collaboration”
- ❖ “The importance of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) initiative, and its regional bodies ... was stressed”



CES 2016 – Possible actions

- ❖ “Consider guidance on a sound, global framework and common language to be used by national statistical offices and geospatial agencies”
- ❖ “Reinforce the link to statistical modernization activities and integrate geospatial issues into the work being progressed under the HLG-MOS”



A New Mandate

- ❖ July 2016 ECOSOC Resolution:
 - “requests that the regional commissions provide relevant support, upon request and as appropriate, to the work of the regional bodies of” UN-GGIM, and;
 - “outcomes and benefits of the activities of those bodies be equally disseminated to all Member States in each region”



UNECE Response (1)

- ❖ Executive Committee (ambassadors) discussed how to respond at 3 meetings in autumn 2016
- ❖ Letter expressing interest to explore collaboration from UN-GGIM: Europe chair
- ❖ Draft decision prepared for ECE Commission Session (ministers)



UNECE Response (2)

- ❖ Commission Decision:
“Decides to request UNECE to engage with UN-GGIM: Europe, within existing resources, to gain a better understanding of how geospatial information can complement and support existing UNECE activities, particularly in the area of reviewing progress towards the SDGs, and to present a detailed proposal for collaboration between the two bodies ... for the consideration of the UNECE Executive Committee before December 2017”

UN-GGIM: Europe Decisions



- ❖ Agreed to prepare a detailed proposal on collaboration for consideration by the UNECE Executive Committee by end 2017
- ❖ A European Statistical Geospatial Framework is being developed. Explore how the CES could support this work
- ❖ Open future UN-GGIM: Europe activities to participation from all UNECE Member Countries, as requested by ECOSOC

How We Already Collaborate



- ❖ Joint UNECE / UN-GGIM Europe Workshop on Integrating Geospatial and Statistical Standards, Stockholm, 6-8 November
- ❖ Exchange of information on common priorities, e.g. data integration
- ❖ Sharing information on UN rules and procedures



The Conference is invited to:

- ❖ Express its views on the nature of further collaboration between UN-GGIM: Europe and the UNECE secretariat;
- ❖ Express its views on how best to support work to develop a European Statistical Geospatial Framework;
- ❖ Suggest further practical steps to facilitate the integration of geospatial and statistical information.