

# PSN Board Meeting Pre-14<sup>th</sup> Session of UN-GGIM

25 July 2024. Online Meeting.

## Attendees

1. Dr. Zaffar Sadiq Mohamed-Ghouse HonFGCA FRGS FIEAust, Director, Advisory and Innovation, Woolpert, Australia
2. Ms. Valrie Grant, Founder/Chairwomen, GeoTechVision, Jamaica
3. Mr. Peter Ter Haar, Ter Haar Geoinnovation, United Kingdom
4. Dr. Saad Alhamlan, CEO, Gravity Geospatial Services, Saudi Arabia
5. Mr. Ben Addou Idrissi Kamal, CEO, ETAFAT, Morocco
6. Ms. Devleena Bhattacharjee, CEO, Numer8 Analytics Pvt. Ltd, India
7. Ms. Anamika Das, Head – Advocacy and Strategy, Esri, India
8. Megha Datta, Senior Consultant – Advisory and Innovation, Woolpert Australia (supporting the Chair)

## Discussions

1. Following the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN-GGIM, the PSN Board had agreed to undertake a global consultation on the Role of the Private Sector in strengthening the UN-IGIF implementation. The Regional PSN Chairs took the leadership to organize regional consultation meetings that resulted in the White Paper on the same topic submitted to the UN-GGIM. The Board endorsed the White Paper. Due to the paucity of time and space during the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN-GGIM, there will not be a session or presentation on the report, but the report will be shared with all the Member States and a mention will be made during the Session. A presentation deck has been prepared for this purpose as a summary of the report.
2. PSN draft interventions prepared by the Chair were discussed. The Board agreed that there is an opportunity to substantiate some of the interventions.
3. The full report of the PSN to the 14<sup>th</sup> UN-GGIM Session was endorsed by the Board.
4. The International Society of Digital Earth received the Chairmanship of the UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies. The ISDE Secretariat requested Dr. Zaffar to act as the Chair of the UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies on behalf of ISDE since he is a member of ISDE. The Board was approached for any objections to Dr. Zaffar taking on this role in addition to being the Chair of the UN-GGIM: PSN.

## Decisions

1. The Board agreed to convene a fortnight after the completion of the 14<sup>th</sup> UN-GGIM Session to discuss the feedback on the report and chart the future course of action.
2. The Board agreed that the presentation on the White Paper titled Role of the Private Sector in Strengthening the UN-IGIF Implementation will be delivered at regional UN-GGIM Plenary Meetings.
3. The Board agreed that the actions recommended in the Report will need to be taken up at the regional level in collaboration with the Regional Chairs of UN-GGIM.

4. The attending PSN Board Members will meet on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Aug at noon at the Vienna Café to discuss the interventions and divide the interventions between the Regional Chairs to be presented during the sessions.
5. The Board agreed to host an informal meeting of the private sector delegates of the 14<sup>th</sup> UN-GGIM Session on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Aug at 1:30 pm at the Vienna Café.
6. The board unanimously approved Dr. Zaffar to chair the UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies as the representative of the International Society of Digital Earth, as his role in both the PSN and Geospatial Societies will bring more synergies between the two bodies and its members.