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Introduction

The Arab Committee was established in accordance with Resolution No. 4/111 issued by the fourth session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Geospatial Information Management, held in New York in August 2014.

The Arab Committee is performing its function according to the general framework of regional committees approved by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Geospatial Information Management.



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The Eleventh Plenary Meetings of the Arab State held in February 2024 at Doha, Qatar

UN-GGIM:AS Meeting:

- Workshop on Enhancing National Geospatial Information Management in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, February 2023.
- Workshop on Enhancing National Geospatial Information Management in Doha, Qatar, 5 February 2024.



Work Group Objectives

Understanding and exploring the nexus between integrated geospatial information and geospatially enabled evidence for good policy development and decision making to deliver national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Participation and Objectives



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The Workshop was attended by 65 participants from 14-member countries:

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanese, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and UAE.

Also, in attendance were a representative of:

- GCC Statistics Center
- UN-GGIM Secretariat
- Private Sector
- Subject matter experts
- UN-GGIM: Asia Pacific
- UN-GGIM: Europe
- UN-GGIM: Americas



Key Actions during the Doha Plenary



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The functions of the Working

Communicate strategies and experiences in financial management.

Encourage enhanced regional cooperation based on national experiences in acquiring, managing, and using geospatial information

Exchange experiences in governance and the role of institutions in applying the IGIF at a national level.

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Advance integration of statistical and geospatial information thereby showing the value on initiatives such as the SDGs.

Share opportunities for using and the usability of geospatial data.

Identify examples of innovation for the benefit of Member States.

Exchange examples of successful as well as challenging partnerships in advancing geospatial information.

Determine effective opportunities for training and education that benefit member states and the region.

Utilize various strategies that address specific communication interests.

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Conclusions and recommendations of the eleventh meeting

- **H.E. Dr. Mohammed Alsayel (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) elected as the Chair of the UNGGIM Arab States for 2024-2028**
- **Approval of the re-formation of the technical working groups of the UN-GGIM Arab States for the period (2024-2028), to include:**
 1. **Geodetic Framework Working Group**
 2. **Geospatial Governance Working Group**
 3. **UN-Integrated Geospatial Information Framework Working Group**

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Conclusions and recommendations of the eleventh meeting

- Approval of the strategic plan and term of reference for the Geodetic Framework Working Group for the period 2024-2028.
- Adopted the Saudi experience in the joint initiative between the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GEOSA) and the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), in developing the following geospatial governance documents:
 1. National Geospatial Data Governance Framework Document
 2. National Geospatial Data Policy Document
 3. National Geospatial Data Standards Document
 4. National Geospatial Data Model Document
 5. National Geospatial Data Dictionary Document
 6. National Geospatial Metadata Profile Document
 7. Geospatial Units Establishment Guide Document



Key Priorities of UN-IGIF WG of Arab States



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The key priorities of the Working Group are:

1

Start implementation of the approved WG strategic plan

2

Improved collaboration with other WGs responsible for IGIF implementation

3

Increase awareness of the benefits of IGIF for members of UN-GGIM Arab States



Working group meetings



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Main outcomes of Working Group Meetings

UN-IGIF: Arab States agreed on the main objectives in 2024:

Assessing the status of IGIF implementation in Arab states through survey



Prioritizing the preparation of Country-Level Action Plan



Knowledge sharing on previous implementations of Strategic Pathways in Arab states



The High-Level Groups UN-IGIF

UN-GGIM: Arab States play and active role to provides strategic leadership, promotion, coordination, and oversight to implement the UN-IGIF globally.



Capacity Development Working Group

Document Translation, Global UN-IGIF Survey



Sustainable Funding Working Group

Work Group Co-Lead, Sustainable Funding Guide, Flyer



Communications Working Group

UN-IGIF Events



UN-GGIM: AS Assistance in Translation of IGIF Documents



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The work program for the revision of the translation of the second edition of the Executive Manual from English into Arabic is developed as follows:

#	Selected tracks + appendices	Designated Member
Solve the puzzle	Solve the puzzle	Kingdom of Morocco
1	Governance and Institutions	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
2	Policy and Legal	Kingdom of Morocco
3	Financial	Kingdom of Morocco
4	Data	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
5	Innovation	Kingdom of Morocco
6	Standards	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
7	Partnership	United Arab Emirates
8	Capacity and Education	United Arab Emirates
9	Communication & Engagement	United Arab Emirates



UN-GGIM:AS Efforts in Implementing the IGIF

HLG-IGIF Meetings:

Active participation in the Third plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in Aguascalientes, Mexico, 22 - 23 January 2024



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Participation on the Global UN-IGIF Survey



Interregional Collaboration to Advance UN-IGIF



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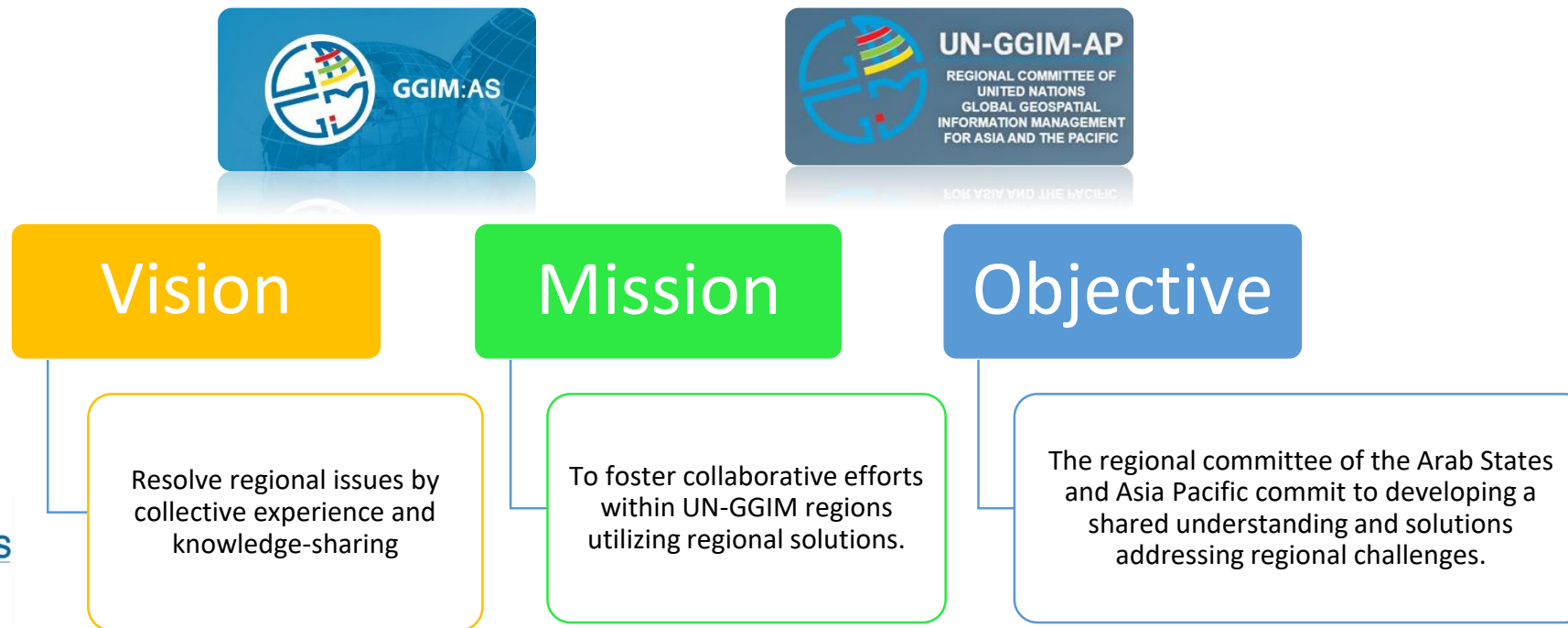


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UN-GGIM: AS and UN-GGIM: AP Collaboration

Outcomes and Deliverables

- Secretariats develop a brief report at the end of each regional event
- Present the outcomes of collaboration at the UN-GGIM Plenary in New York
- Submit a paper at the UN-GGIM Plenary based on collaboration outcomes



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Work plan

Region		Area of collaboration	Indicative dates	Anticipated Outcomes
UN-GGIM Asia Pacific	I	Disaster Management experience: The Asia Pacific region working group on disaster will present and share knowledge to UNGGIM Arab States in a workshop.	2024 Arab States UNGGIM Meeting	Joint initiatives / Data Sharing/ Knowledge sharing/ Capacity building between the regions.
UN-GGIM Arab States	II	Policy and Standards Experience: The Arab States will present their experience and share the knowledge with UNGGIM Asia Pacific colleagues in a workshop	2024 Asia Pacific UNGGIM Meeting	Joint initiatives / Data Sharing/ Knowledge sharing/ Capacity building between the regions.
UN-GGIM Asia Pacific	III	Marine SDI experience: The Asia Pacific region will share its experience on the topic of Marine SDI with Arab state's colleagues in a workshop or a round table.	2025 Arab States UNGGIM Meeting	Joint initiatives / Data Sharing/ Knowledge sharing/ Capacity building between the regions.
UN-GGIM Arab States	IV	Geospatial Ecosystem Experience: The Arab States will present their experience and share the knowledge with UNGGIM Asia Pacific colleagues in a workshop on the topic of Geospatial Ecosystems	2025 Asia Pacific UNGGIM Meeting	Joint initiatives / Data Sharing/ Knowledge sharing/ Capacity building between the regions.

UN-IGIF High Level Group

A meeting of the UN-IGIF HLG is scheduled along with the 12th Meeting of UN-GGIM:AS - Jeddah, Feb 2025



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