

UN Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence – Progress from the UN-GGIM Sub Committee on Geodesy

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SUMMARY

The United Nations (UN) has called for enhanced cooperation on global geodesy. In February 2015 the UN General Assembly adopted the resolution “a global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development” recognising that the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) is the foundation of every aspect of the collection and management of national geospatial information and global monitoring of the Earth. In August 2019, the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) supported the proposal from the UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy to establish a UN Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence. The centre will act as an operational hub with the intention to strengthen the capacity to implement the resolution on the geodetic reference frame. Further, it will support the objectives of UN-GGIM and the Subcommittee, provide technical assistance and capacity building, and encourage open data sharing. The last year the Subcommittee has been working to develop the work plan and the modalities of the centre. This presentation will give a status on the road towards a UN Geodetic Centre of Excellence.

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