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Dear Colleagues,

Sixth High Level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management
Windsor, United Kingdom
20-22 April 2020

We are pleased to announce that the UN-GGIM Secretariat, in collaboration with the Government of the United Kingdom, through the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain, will be hosting the **Sixth High Level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management from 20-22 April 2020, at Royal Holloway College, University of London in Windsor, United Kingdom.**

The Forum is being staged in pursuance of the mandate from the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to convene global forums to promote comprehensive dialogue on global geospatial information management with all relevant governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. The event will continue the discussions and consultations from previous High Level Forums and provide follow-up on issues from the formal inter-governmental meetings of the Committee of Experts. Importantly, the Sixth High Level Forum will provide Member States and geospatial stakeholders with the unique opportunity to share and learn from each other, new ideas, methods, strategies, geospatial technologies and innovation to support local, regional and global initiatives, programmes and projects related to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

With an overarching theme ‘**Changing the World – Geospatially**’, the Sixth High Level Forum will bring together all stakeholders at the highest level to provide a convening, participatory and inclusive environment to enhance the communication, understanding, knowledge and application of geospatial information management. Facilitating an in-depth dialogue, the Forum will discuss the policy relevance, challenges, and role of geospatial trends, technology and innovation to address local, regional and global challenges. This will include delivering positive social, economic and environmental outcomes through the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the third iteration of the Future Trends Report, whilst considering how the rapidly changing geospatial environment gives opportunities to accelerate progress towards delivering the 2030 Agenda.

The High Level Forum will be substantively supported by each of the Regional Committees of UN-GGIM, including for: Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa); Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP); the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas); Europe (UN-GGIM: Europe); and the Arab States (UN-GGIM: Arab States), as well as the UN-GGIM Private Sector Network, UN-GGIM Academic Network, UN-GGIM Geospatial Societies and UN Geospatial Network.

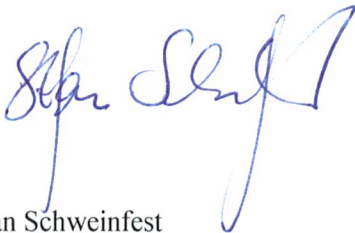
We are delighted to send you this announcement, and kindly ask that you mark your calendars accordingly. In an effort to inform a wide cross section of the geospatial information management community, we ask that you share this information with pertinent government agencies and other relevant stakeholders in your country who would benefit from participating in the High Level Forum. Background, outcomes and overview of the daily Forum programme is contained in the Concept Note provided with this letter, and which is also available on the event's webpage at http://ggim.un.org/meetings/2020/6th_HLF.

Additional information on the Sixth High Level Forum, including registration, will be posted on the event's web-page as it becomes available. Please note that the Sixth High Level Forum will be convened jointly and back-to-back with the Cambridge Conference 2020, inclusive of joint sessions on Wednesday 22 April 2020. For more information on the Cambridge Conference, see www.cambridgeconference.com/cambridgeconference2020.

Should you have questions regarding the Sixth High Level Forum, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Greg Scott (Tel: 1-212-963-8578; Fax: 1-212-963-9851; Email: scott12@un.org) and Ms. Vilma Frani (Tel: 1-917-367-2903; Fax: 1-212-963-9851; Email: frani@un.org) at the UN-GGIM Secretariat. For information regarding local arrangements in Windsor, please contact LiveGroup (on behalf of Ordnance Survey) Email: unggim6hlf@livegroup.co.uk.

Together with our co-organizers, we look forward to welcoming you at the Sixth High Level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, as we work to advance the critical role of geospatial information in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and to 'Change the World – Geospatially'.

Yours sincerely,



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