

## Expert Group on Land Administration and Management

### Work Plan for 2020/2022

During the tenth session the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) welcomed and adopted<sup>1</sup> the Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA) as a reference for Member States when developing, reforming, coordinating, strengthening and modernizing land administration and management. The tenth session of UN-GGIM requested the Expert Group continue to:

- i) raise awareness and advocate for effective land administration;
- ii) ensuring the usefulness of the adopted Framework for Effective Land Administration cognizant of national circumstances.

Further the Expert Group is expected to:

- iii) utilize the Implementation Guide of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework as a reference resource when developing guidance to implement the FELA at the country level;
- iv) share and exchange knowledge, information and experiences, including relevant use cases, practices and examples;
- v) address cultural, professional and technological barriers, particularly in Africa; and
- vi) engage and collaborate with the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees and thematic groups as appropriate.

UN-GGIM further noted that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic had highlighted the critical need for reliable land information to support national responses.

The Expert Group also undertakes work that contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other areas as appropriate including, access to land, property rights, ownership, land degradation, rapid urbanization, and climate change. And working in coordination with other expert and working groups noting that the overarching principle of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to leave no one behind.

For the 2020 - 2022 period, the work plan of the Expert Group will thus focus on:

Focus Areas	Activities	Period
1) Addressing the guidance, feedback and comments provided by UN-GGIM at its tenth session;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet online in November 2020</li> </ul>	2020 Q4
2) Developing use cases for the Framework for Effective Land Administration;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet online in January/February 2021</li> <li>▪ Members to encourage their respective “networks” to provide use cases for FELA;</li> <li>▪ Encourage UN-GGIMs Expert and Working Groups to collaborate on preparation of use cases</li> </ul>	2021 Q1

<sup>1</sup> [http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/10th-Session/documents/GGIM10\\_report\\_e.pdf](http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/10th-Session/documents/GGIM10_report_e.pdf)



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<p>3) Advocating and raising awareness of the merits and benefits of effective land administration, and share knowledge and expertise of the FELA as the overarching policy guidance that can be referenced by Member States;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engage Regional Committees of UN-GGIM at their annual plenary meetings, as appropriate</li> <li>▪ Organize e learning event and session(s) as appropriate e.g. at the World Bank Land and Poverty Conference (2021 and 2022)</li> <li>▪ Organize side events at the eleventh and twelfth session of UN-GGIM</li> <li>▪ Participate when opportunities arise to advocate and raise awareness - such as annual sessions of UNECE-WPLA, learning events of UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies, UN-GGIM: Academic Network, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>2020 - 2022</p>
<p>4) Translate the concepts of the FELA into practical implementation guidance for Member States to operationalize the FELA at national or sub-national levels with recommended actions, land tools, guides and approaches, applicable internationally agreed standards, and proven practices;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider and deliberate on appropriate implementation guidance at a face-to-face expert group meeting, when feasible</li> <li>▪ Initiate development of implementation guidance based on the IGIF and its Implementation Guide to operationalize FELA</li> <li>▪ Leverage existing internationally agreed and applicable approaches, land tools, guides, assessment methodologies and standards<sup>2</sup></li> <li>▪ Consider an appropriate assessment methodology to support the operationalization of the FELA</li> <li>▪ Meet online, as appropriate, throughout 2021 and 2022 to advance the development of implementation guidance</li> </ul>	<p>2021 - 2022</p>
<p>5) Establishing a modality to periodically review, update and tailor the Framework, as living document, to suit national circumstances according to the changing and evolving societal, economic, environmental, political and technological landscapes; and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider other outputs from the Committee of Experts working groups and expert groups</li> <li>▪ Brainstorm, deliberate and consider appropriate modalities to periodically review the Framework at a face-to-face meeting (June 2021 in the Netherlands)</li> <li>▪ Meet online, as appropriate, throughout 2020/2022 to develop the modality</li> <li>▪ Include an agreed modality into the next workplan of the Expert Group</li> </ul>	<p>2020 - 2022</p>

<sup>2</sup> Refer to the section on 'Global Agenda and Guidelines' in the Framework for Effective Land Administration.



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6) Providing a forum for dialogue and coordination between Member States, United Nations system, international organizations, and experts with a view to advocate, promote and deliver effective land administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report to the Committee of Experts at its eleventh and twelfth session</li> <li>Address guidance from the Committee of Experts at its eleventh and twelfth session</li> <li>Organize side events at the eleventh and twelfth session of UN-GGIM</li> </ul>	2020 - 2022
7) Addressing issues, gaps and appropriate approaches including that of access to basic datasets, so as to accelerate efforts in documenting (including survey and mapping), recording and recognizing people-to-land relationship in all its forms. And to leverage synergies, avoid duplication through collaboration with other expert and working groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider a second international seminar on effective land administration</li> <li>Engage and as appropriate, participate in the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management</li> </ul>	2021 - 2022

(November 2020)

