



THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GEODESY

Cordially invite you to attend a

GLOBAL GEODESY FORUM

THE POWER OF WHERE – THE VALUE OF GEODESY TO SOCIETY

Date: Earth Day, Thursday, 22 April 2021

Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 noon (UTC) / 6:30 am – 8:00 am (EDT-New York)

AGENDA

Introductions and setting the context

MR. NICHOLAS BROWN

Co-Chair, UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy

Lifestyle improved by geodesy

PROF. PAUL BECKER

President, Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy, Germany

Opening Address

HIS EXCELLENCY

AMBASSADOR PETER THOMSON

UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

Sustainable development has geodesy at its core

MRS. PALOMA MERODIO GÓMEZ

Vice President, National Institute of Statistics and Geography, Mexico

Geodesy for safer and more resilient communities

DR. TULU BESHA BEDADA

Director General, Geospatial Information Institute, Ethiopia

Looking to the future and concluding remarks

MR. NICHOLAS BROWN

Co-Chair, UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy

The economic value of investment in geodesy

MS. ALISON ROSE

Chief of Place, Space and Communities Division, Geoscience Australia



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Background

Every day, humanity benefits from geodesy. Geodesy is the science of measuring the size, shape, orientation and gravity field of our planet and it is a foundation for evidence-based policies, decisions and program delivery. Geodesy is used every day, in the fields of civil engineering, industrial automation, agriculture, construction, mining, financial transactions, intelligent transport systems, disaster response and emergency management, environmental studies and scientific research. Furthermore, geodesy enables accurate collection, management and alignment of nationally integrated geospatial information – a key requirement for societal, environmental and economic activities, the measuring and monitoring of progress of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, and other global, regional and national development agenda and initiatives.

Global Geodesy Forum

The United Nations Global Geodesy Forum will be appropriately convened on **Earth Day – 22 April 2021** with the title **“The Power of Where: The Value of Geodesy to Society”**. The virtual forum is open to all to attend and will focus on the significance of geodesy for the wellbeing and betterment of society, environment and economy. Our expert panel of speakers will highlight to policy and decision makers, chief executives, director-generals and senior executives from Member States and relevant stakeholders the benefits of, and our reliance on, an accurate and reliable Global Geodetic Reference Frame. They will describe how the Global Geodetic Reference Frame helps to provide safer, more resilient communities and myriad societal benefits. Furthermore, our speakers will demonstrate the significant economic value of investment in geodesy and the role geodesy plays in assisting developing countries with efficient and effective land and environmental management.

Organizers

The Global Geodesy Forum is organized by the Subcommittee on Geodesy and the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Section, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. For more about the Subcommittee on Geodesy, please visit: <http://ggim.un.org/UNGGIM-wg1/> and www.unggrf.org

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