

# UN-GGIM: Americas, Third Session

## “ ECOSOC Resolution on Strengthening UN-GGIM, the Process and Implications”

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Global Geospatial Information Management

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# Presentation Outline

- Role of ECOSOC
- Why a Resolution
- Resolution preparation and endorsement
- The Resolution -main clauses
- Next steps and implications
  - What is your role?



# Role of ECOSOC

- One of 6 principal organs of the United Nations
- Membership - 54 Member States
- ECOSOC responsible for:
  - advances the sustainable development agenda
  - Foster debate and innovative thinking
  - Forges consensus on the way forward and coordinates to achieve internationally agreed goals
- Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM one of 5 expert bodies comprised of government experts that reports to ECOSOC



# Global Context - UN-GGIM

Formal inter-governmental **UN Committee of Experts** to:

- **Enhance and coordinate** Global Geospatial Information Management activities
- **Make joint decisions and set directions** on the use of geospatial information
- Work with Governments to **improve policy, institutional arrangements, and legal frameworks**
- Address global issues and **contribute collective knowledge**
- Develop effective strategies to **build geospatial capacity** in developing countries



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# Why a PR report and Resolution

At its 47<sup>th</sup> plenary in July 2011, ECOSOC, established the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), and:

- Requested the Committee to present to ECOSOC in 2016 a comprehensive review of all aspects of its work and operations, in order to allow Member States to assess its effectiveness.

## Resolution

2011/24

### Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

*The Economic and Social Council,*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on global geospatial information management<sup>3</sup> and the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Recognizes* the need to promote international cooperation in the field of global geospatial information;

3. *Decides*, in this regard, to establish the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to the present resolution, to be established and administered within existing resources and organized accordingly, and requests the Committee to present to the Economic and Social Council in 2016 a comprehensive review of all aspects of its work and operations, in order to allow Member States to assess its effectiveness;

4. *Encourages* Member States to hold regular high-level, multi-stakeholder discussions on global geospatial information, including through the convening of global forums, with a view to promoting a comprehensive dialogue with all relevant actors and bodies;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of promoting national, regional and global efforts to foster the exchange of knowledge and expertise, to assist developing countries in building and strengthening national capacities in this field.

*47th plenary meeting  
27 July 2011*

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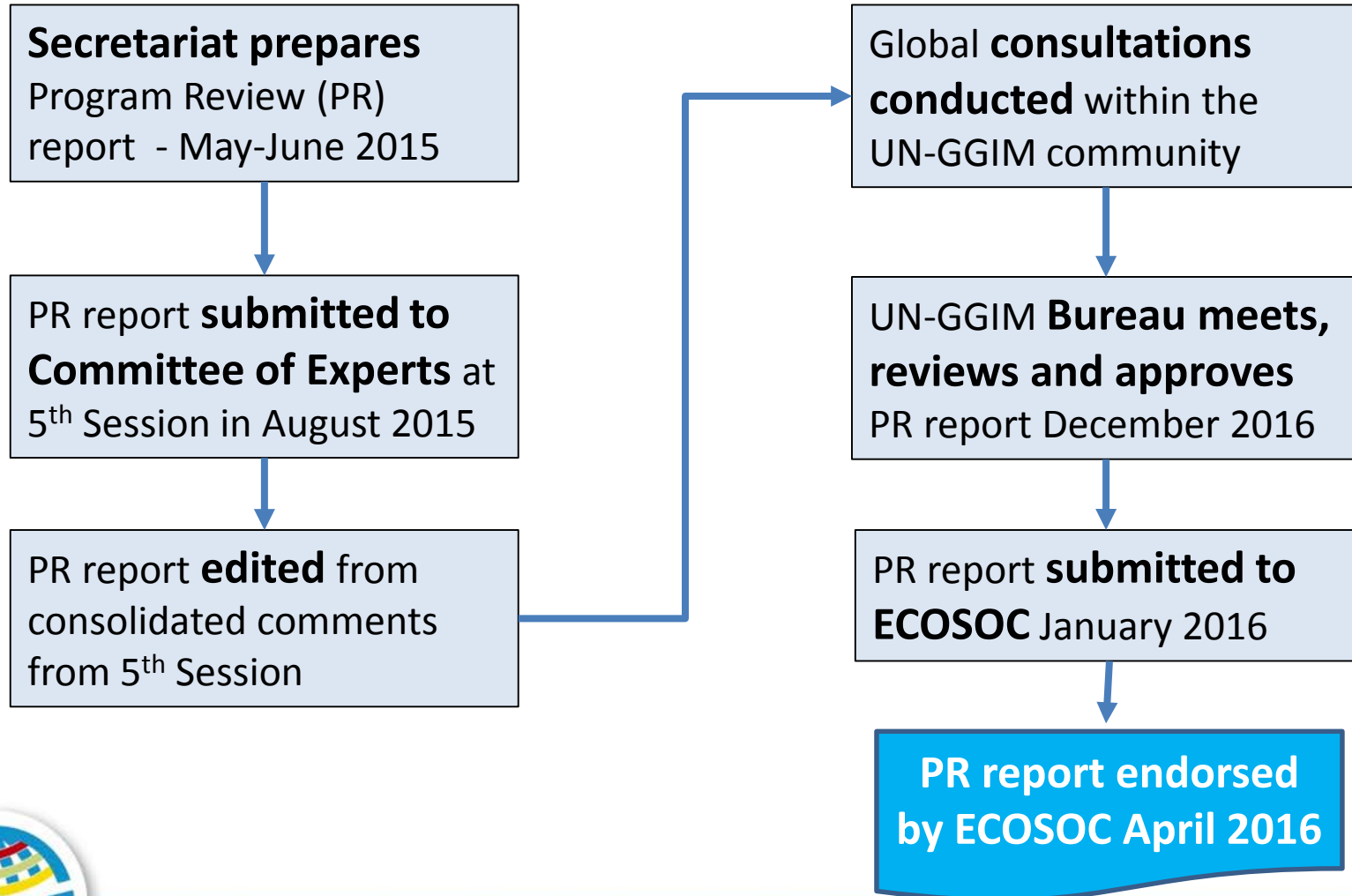
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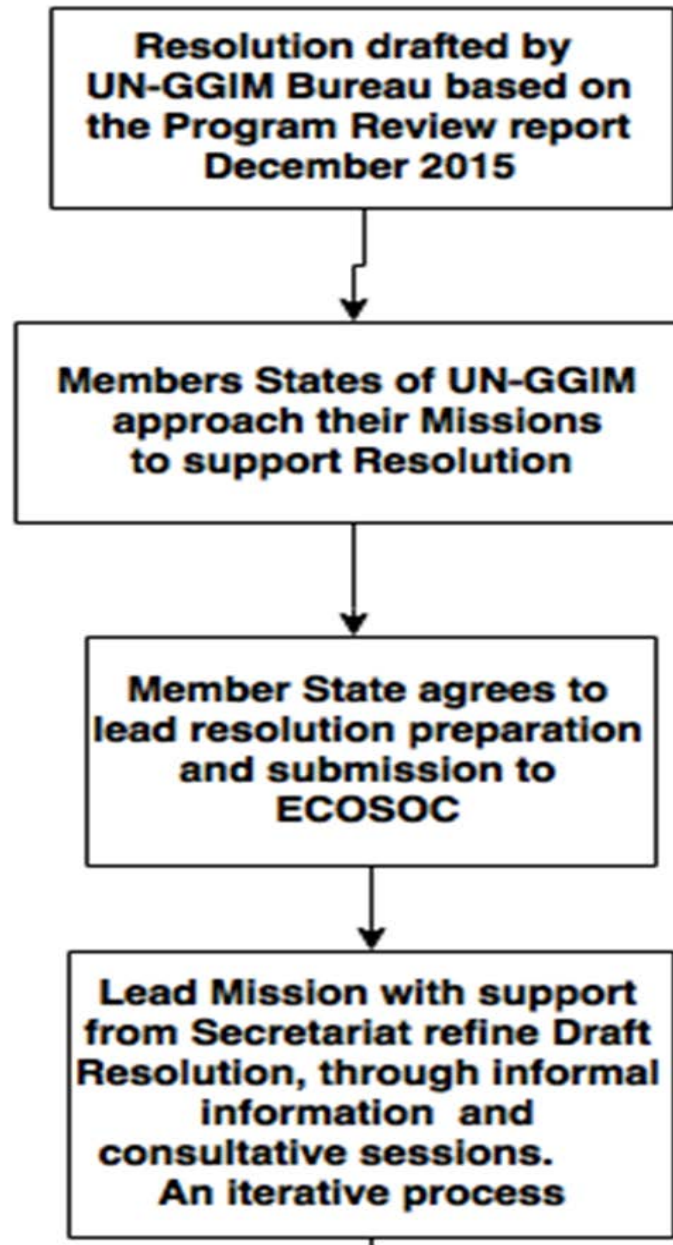
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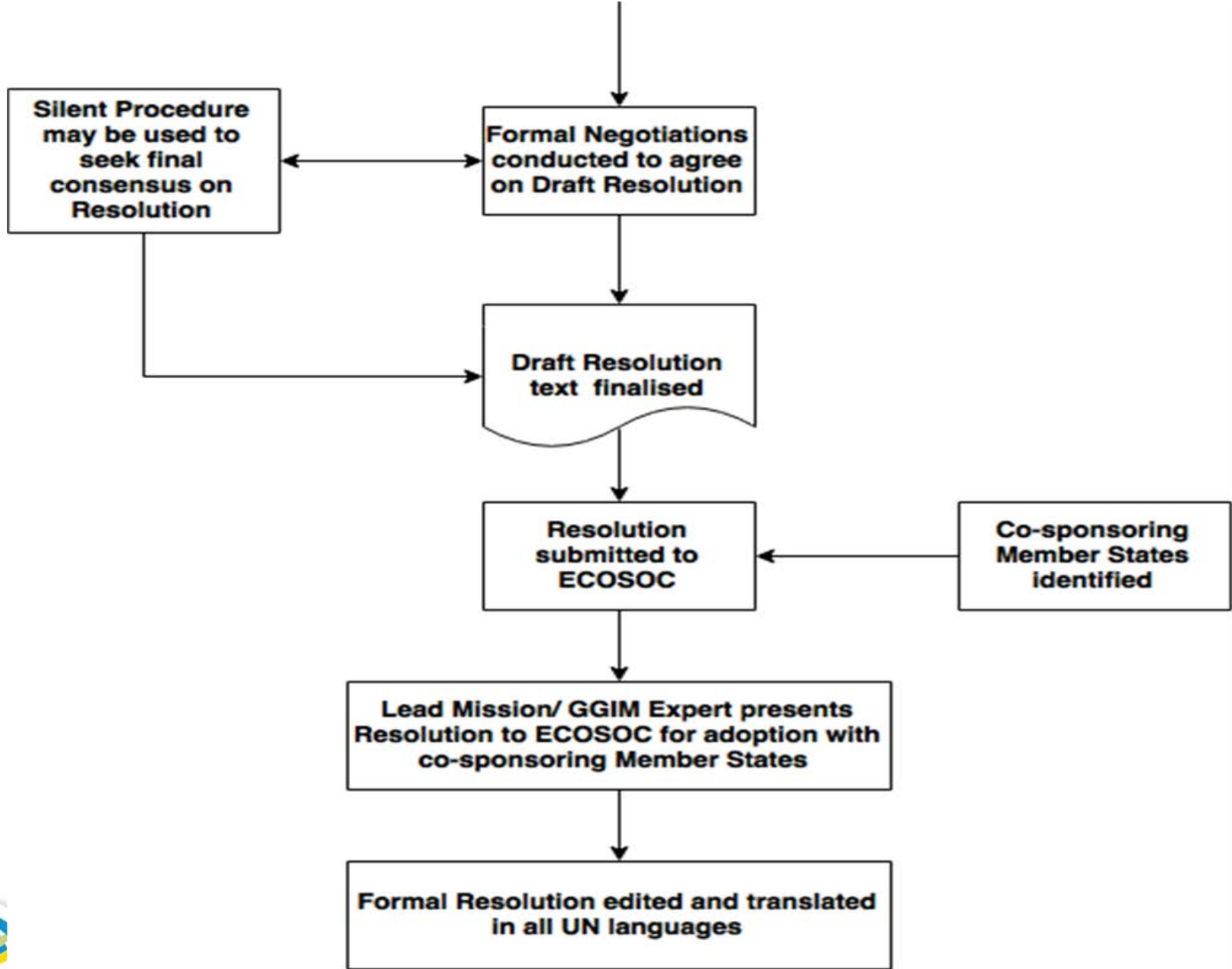
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# Steps – Prepare & Approval PR report



# Steps – Preparation and Endorsement of ECOSOC Resolution







# ECOSOC Resolution 2016/27

## Strengthening institutional arrangements on GIM

- Adopted 27 July 2016
- Facilitated and submitted by Permanent Mission of Mexico
- Introduced by Co-Chair R. Ocampo
- Co-sponsored by 12 Member States
- 24 clauses –
  - 9 preamble paragraphs and
  - 15 operational paragraphs

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# Preamble Paragraphs 1-5

## Recalls

- GA Resolution on importance of space technology based data for SD

## Recalls

- GA Resolution 2015 – 2030 Agenda and need for new data acquisition and integration to improve data for development agenda

## Connects

- 2030 agenda for SD, Sendai Framework for DDR, SAMOA pathway with need to have data integrated for SD and DDR

## Recalls

- GA Resolution, Feb 2015 on Global Geodetic Reference frame for SD

## Recalls

- ECOSOC Resolution July 2011 that established UN-GGIM

# Preamble Paragraphs 6-9

## Recalls

- Request for the Committee to present a review of its work in 2016 to assess its effectiveness

## Noting

- GGIM Committee decision August 2015 recommending strengthening of its mandate

## Noted

- Creation of regional infrastructure – Asia and the Pacific, Americas, Europe, Africa and Arab States

## Noted

- Regional Committees recommendation to strengthen GGIM and removal of Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and Pacific and Americas



# Operational Paragraphs 1-4

Welcomes

- The report of the Committee

Acknowledges

- Achievements and progress made

Welcomes

- Efforts to streamline work of subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC

Recognises

- Committees has operated effectively, produced tangible outputs and contribution to global agendas



# Operational Paragraphs 5-10

Stresses

- Need to strengthen coordination of GGIM

Acknowledges

- Importance of capacity building

Decides

- Strengthen mandate in cost neutral manner

Also Decides

- UN Regional Cartographic Conferences are no longer needed

Confirms

- Provided with Conference management services

Decides

- Regional Cartographic responsibilities assumed by Global and Regional



# Operational Paragraphs 11-15

## Requests

- UN Regional Commissions provide support to UN-GGIM regional bodies

## Notes

- Funding and support needed; MS encouraged to provide contributions

## Reiterates

- Importance of MS participation, encourage support to cover participation costs

## Decides

- Change ECOSOC agenda item from Cartography to Geospatial Information

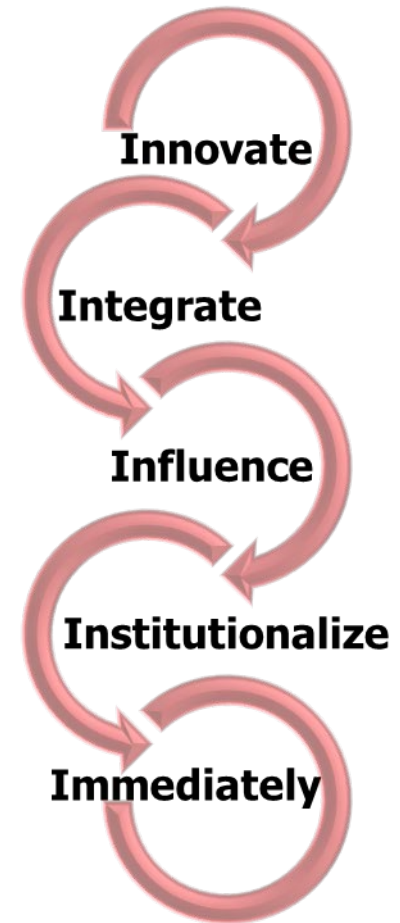
## Notes

- Role and relevance of Committee and request report in 5 yrs on implementation of resolution



# UN-GGIM: Next Steps, ver 2.0

- Connecting GIM to policy making at all levels
- The infusion of geospatial information into the overall development agenda
- Supporting SDI in developing countries
- Continued integration: geography/location + technology + data types (statistics)
- Review, reformulate and strengthen its mandate and secretariat machinery



# Everyone has a Role to Play





# Hibernation is not an option



# Implications of Resolution

- **Strengthened Mandate**

- Green light for the Committee of Experts to continue its work
- Increased understanding of importance and role of the Committee by – NY Mission and Capital representatives and UN departments and units

- **Housekeeping**

- Annual UN-GGIM Sessions provided with dedicated UN conference management services
- Item on ECOSOC's agenda changed from *Cartography* to *Geospatial Information*



# Implications of Resolution

- **Regional Infrastructure**
  - Substantive work of Regional Cartographic Conferences for the Americas and Asia and the Pacific assumed by UN-GGIM respective regional bodies.
  - Greater autonomy over regional activities and responsibility to convene annual meetings outside UN formal arrangements
- **Funding**
  - Member States encouraged to provide voluntary contributions
  - Secretariat solicit contributions – secondments, trust fund



# Influence and Transform National Policy Agendas

- Impetus to increase the level of geospatial understanding and rate of uptake at the policy level.
- Move GI up the value chain.
- Engage at a much higher level, more strategically, change the language and messages.
- Transformative change is needed - business as usual is no longer an option.
- We need to be global geo-information champions



# Take Away Points

- The Resolution:-
  - provides leverage for Member States to gain national support for NSDI development
  - supports your participation in future UN-GGIM meetings
- National experts are drivers of the global GGIM policy agenda
  - Recognize that you are in charge
  - The Secretariat serves the Committee of experts
- The UN-GGIM agenda is expanding, what is your country's role and level of contribution?
- What is UN-GGIM Americas vision and objectives for UN-GGIM 2.0 ?





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**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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