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**Economic Commission for Africa
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Information Management for Africa**
Fourth meeting
Addis Ababa
3-5 October 2018

Annotated agenda

Introduction

1. The fourth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Geospatial Information Management for Africa will be organized in plenary and breakout sessions in Addis Ababa from 3 to 5 October 2018. To ensure sufficient time to cover the broad range of potential topics on this important initiative, the secretariat has selected specific presentations for the various sessions.

1. Pre-session: Statistical Commission for Africa: Opening

2. This is the formal opening of the Statistical Commission for Africa. The Regional Committee will also participate in this session as a joint event.

2. Session 1: Opening

3. The meeting will be opened by the following:

- (a) The Chair of the Executive Board of the Regional Committee;
- (b) Representative of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

4. Goodwill messages will be received from the following:

- (a) Regional Committee secretariat;
- (b) Other relevant international bodies (e.g., African Union Commission, African Association of Remote Sensing of the Environment and AfriGEOSS).

5. ECA, in its capacity as Secretariat of the meeting, will make a brief presentation on the meeting objectives and the expected outcomes and the manner in which the committee work has been organized, including technical and logistic matters.

3. Session 2: Setting the scene [Introduction, organization of work and election of officers]

6. ECA will make a brief on the invitations sent to member States.

7. The agenda and programme of work will open for discussion and adopted.

8. The Chair of the Executive Board of the Regional Committee will make a presentation on the progress to date, focusing on the challenges and issues and where the Regional Committee wants to be so that the continent can deliver its remit.

9. The meeting will elect an Executive Board comprising a Chair, a Vice-Chair, two Rapporteurs and a regional representative. The Executive Board will hold office for the duration of the meeting and the coming two years.

4. Session 3: Geospatial information management in Africa

10. A distinguished keynote speaker will provide a background overview of the needs, prospects and vision for an integrated geospatial framework in Africa.

11. International, regional and national entities will share experiences and best practices of establishing policy dialogue and institutional arrangements for the cooperative production, management, dissemination and application of geoinformation resources.

5. Session 4: Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa: action plan

12. The session will help to clarify the context and objectives and introduce the continental action plan for the Regional Committee. Interactive discussions will follow on the key issues and drivers of the action plan:

- 4.1 Policy, governance and resource mobilization
- 4.2 Common frameworks, tools, methods, clearinghouses and gazetteers
- 4.3 Capacity-building and knowledge transfer
- 4.4 Other technical issues raised by member States and partners.

6. Session 5: Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa: key pillars

13. The meeting will have presentations from the secretariat, working groups, countries and participating organizations on the following issues:

- (a) Second Administrative Level Boundaries;
- (b) African Geodetic Reference Frame;
- (c) Standards: Open Geospatial Consortium;
- (d) Global Earth Observation System of Systems;
- (e) Integration of geospatial and statistical information.

7. Joint session with Statistical Commission for Africa

14. It is globally acknowledged that the links and synergies between geospatial information and statistics are necessary. Under this agenda item, the

meeting will share a joint session with the Statistical Commission for Africa meeting, which will be held in parallel. The joint session will examine the global trend of mainstreaming geospatial technology into national statistics offices. There will also be a discussion of the contribution of geospatial information technology to the 2020 round of population and housing censuses in Africa.

8. Session 6: Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa working groups

15. The conveners of the various working groups will report on the status of progress in implementing their activities. They will also discuss the modalities for engaging the working groups to effectively deliver their remit. Furthermore, they will agree on how to draw from the African action plan on the Regional Committee some concrete action that can be converted into fundable projects with priority actions, milestones and related costs.

9. Any other business

10. Adoption of report and closing session