Academic Network
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Regional Institutes

National

International Research and Training Institutes

UN-GGIM Arab States Meeting

Academic Network Report
August 2016, NY
• The Academic Network is a coalition of recognized universities, research and education centers, or equivalent involved in the research, development, and training on geospatial and land information and related matters.

• The Academic Network is a platform for the academic community to contribute and support UN-GGIM in achieving its vision and goals as a strategic arm to empower their processes in the form of strategic knowledge, research, education, and training.

• The Academic Network will provide both research and education capabilities for UN-GGIM, its Regional Organisations, WGs, and affiliated members to identify and respond to challenges and opportunities in which
Major Activities and Steps

- **Dec 2015 NY** Initial Idea & request
- **April 2016 Addis Ababa** 1st Exploratory Meeting
- **June 2016** Formation of Task Team
- **August 2016 NY** 1st Official meeting • Official Approval
- **Oct 2016** ToR Workplan Organisation
- **Oct 2016** 2nd Meeting • Governance & Formation of Board
- **Nov 2016** 3rd Board Meeting, Taipei • Web Design
- **Dec 2016 NY** UN-GGIM Bureau Meeting • ToR was approved
Academic Network Governance

- Chair
- Co-Chair
- Secretary
- Advisory Board
- Members

Executive Committee
Academic Network Board

• Prof Abbas Rajabifard, The University of Melbourne, Australia (Chair)
• Prof Daniel Páez, University of Los Andes, Colombia (Secretary)
• Deputy Chair (TBA)

Advisory Board

• Prof Huayi Wu, Wuhan University, China
• Prof Joep Crompvoets, KU Leuven, Belgium
• Prof David Coleman, University of New Brunswick, Canada
• Prof Harlan Onsrud, University of Maine, USA
• Prof Menno-Jan Kraak, University of Twente, Netherlands
• Prof Josef Strobl, University of Salzburg, Austria
• Prof Maria Antonia Brovelli, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
• Prof Jide Kufoniyi, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria
V. Attestations and Agreements

LETTER OF INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT

The following statement must be contained on the letterhead of the institution and signed by the President (or similarly named head) of the Institution in a Letter of Commitment. Alternatively, the letter may be provided and signed by a unit head that has authorization to act for the institution as a whole in the matters attested to in the letter.

Required Language in the Letter: "If admitted to the UN-GGIM Academic Network, commits to fulfilling the

AGREEMENTS AS CONFIRMED BY SUBMISSION OF EOI

° Through its delegates or other specialists, each member organization is expected to contribute substantively to the work of at least one UN-GGIM Academic Network committee or initiative each year. ° UN-GGIM Academic Network institutional members are allowed to use the UN-GGIM Academic Network logo on their web sites and in other written materials. ° UN-GGIM Academic Network institutional members are banned from using the standard United Nations logo unless they receive explicit written authorized permission to do so. Through the act of submission of this Expression of Interest (EOI) and upon admission to the UN-GGIM Academic Network, our institution agrees to and commits to fulfilling these obligations.

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☐ I have read and understand this agreement, and I accept and agree to all of its terms and conditions.
Academic Network
Initial Tasks and Activities

- Prepared "ToRs" for the Academic Network.
- Developed a process for membership in the Network.
- Designed and created a web platform to facilitate the membership and activities.
- Prepared an initial workplan for its activities.
Academic Network
Membership, Composition and Terms of Office

• In order to become a member, an Expression of Interest (EoI) with a statement on the capabilities and availability to respond to UN-GGIM academic and research support needs should be submitted to the Academic Network Secretariat.

• A country could have more than one institution accepted in the network. However, each member would nominate one leading academic and up to 2 delegates to the network.

• The Academic Network will meet regularly at the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts, High Level Forum, and any formal meetings.

• If considered appropriate, the Academic Network will establish sub-regional groups inline with UN-GGIM Regional Organisations and or task teams to focus on particular aspects of the programs under its oversight.

• The Academic Network will have at least one member in each UN-GGIM Expert Groups and Working Groups.
To achieve the Academic Network’s objectives, the workplan will focus on:

- The current UN-GGIM WGs' workplans to identify the areas for support and input, and actively participating in their activities.

- Call and promote for membership and engagement via dedicated website.

- **Conducting a Forum** in conjunction with the next UNGGIM Committee of Expert Meeting, **August 2017**.

- In close collaboration with other UN-GGIM entities, Identify relevant items and opportunities for closer collaboration and contribution within the context of UN-GGIM work and Agenda

- **Training and research registry**, Inventory of current capabilities, training programs, MOOCs, facilities, current projects, etc. relevant to UN-GGIM activities,
How to Apply for Membership

The academic network promotes and strengthens close collaboration between universities and their national geospatial counterparts. Based on this, we encourages you to become a member. To apply, go to the following link and fill out the form in the expression of interest section.

unngim.academicnetwork.org

What Is It?
A formal body constituted as part of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). The Academic Network is the strategic knowledge, research and training arm of it.

Objective
The primary objective of the UN-GGIM Academic Network is to support the aims and objectives of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), as UN-GGIM sets the agenda for the development of global geospatial information and promotes its use to address key global challenges.

The network will facilitate access globally to research and education capabilities for UN-GGIM and its affiliated members in order to identify and respond to challenges and opportunities for UN-GGIM and related UN offices. The UN-GGIM Academic Network will be a coalition of recognized universities and research and education centers involved in research, development and education on geospatial, land information and related matters, run on a volunteer basis.

Expert Groups

Working Groups

Regional Entities

Academic Network Strategic Support

Work Plan
The Academic Network’s initial work plan will focus on the following:
• Review of the current UN-GGIM WGs’ work plan to identify areas for support and input.
• Promotion of the Network to potential member institutions.
• Registry of current capabilities, degree programs, training programs, research, and courses, relevant to UN-GGIM gathered as part of the membership application process as well as through additional means.
• Establishing a Registry for Education, Training and Research.
Establishing UNGGIM-Academic Network
Arab States Region

The academic network in Arab States can promotes and strengthens close collaboration between universities and your national geospatial counterparts.

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THANK YOU