

# Seoul Declaration

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## Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM)

We, the participants of the First High Level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management held in Seoul, Korea, on October 24 to 26, 2011, having met in the context of United Nations initiatives to enhance global cooperation in the field of geospatial information management in order to help overcome global challenges, hereby issue this Seoul Declaration on Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM).

*Recalling* Resolution 2011/24 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which recognized the need to promote international cooperation in the field of global geospatial information;

*Recalling further* the United Nations Secretary-General's Report E/2011/89, which encouraged the strengthening of cooperation among Member States and International Organizations and emphasized the urgency in establishing concrete actions for the further development of global geospatial information in order to adequately respond to global challenges;

*Agreeing on* the need for full interoperability of multi-dimensional geospatial information and integration with other data sources at national, regional, and global level, in order to provide an effective information base for the resolution of global and local issues, and the need for establishing national, regional and global mechanisms for effective management and utilization of such information;

*Sharing* a global vision and conviction that reliable and timely geospatial information is an important basis for policy decision making, especially in the context of humanitarian assistance and sustainable development;

We, therefore resolve,

- to fully support the initiative of the United Nations to implement global mechanisms to foster geospatial information management among the Member States, international organizations, and the private sector; and in this regard:
- to take concrete actions to foster and strengthen the national, regional and global cooperation as well as coordination towards an interconnected global community of practice on geospatial information under the umbrella of the United Nations;
- to develop jointly and collaboratively common frameworks and standards for national data to be used regionally and internationally and to harmonize definitions and methods that will enhance the use, accessibility and application of geospatial information at national, regional and global level;
- to share among ourselves experiences in policy-making and legislations, to evolve and establish best practices in the production and dissemination of geospatial information, and to facilitate and enhance the transfer of knowledge and expertise, especially towards the developing countries.

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