



# World Geospatial Industry Council

## HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

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### WGIC UPDATES

#### WGIC Horizons 2025 – Preliminary Agenda Out Now



The preliminary agenda for WGIC Horizons 2025 is available. Don't miss out on this landmark geospatial industry event, where "Beyond Boundaries" takes on new meaning as we delve into geospatial solutions that impact everyone and shape our sustainable future. Secure your spot today and be a part of this transformative event!

[Access Preliminary Agenda Pre-Register today!](#)

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT VIDEOS

#### [Trimble's Premise Was, Is, and Continues to Be Reliable Geospatial Information](#)



Trimble's Boris Skopljak delves into the company's enduring commitment to providing reliable and accurate geospatial information. He discusses how AI-driven automation in feature extraction and classification is enhancing construction industry workflows, creating a seamless connection between the physical and digital worlds, and improving communication among stakeholders. Skopljak also explains how high-precision mobile mapping data is supporting intelligent transportation infrastructure management.

[Watch here](#)

#### [TopoDOT Brings the Right Balance of Automation and Quality Assurance](#)



Ted Knaak, President of TopoDOT, discusses the company's comprehensive approach to supporting customers from data acquisition to digital twin production. He highlights TopoDOT's advanced automated tools for road surface modeling and issue detection, as well as their innovative platform, TopoShare, which streamlines data organization and access.

[Watch here](#)

#### [GeoTechVision – The GIS Consultant of the Caribbean](#)



Valrie Grant, Founder & Chairperson of GeoTechVision, discusses how the company is advancing geospatial services across the Caribbean, supporting sectors like disaster management, health, and education. She also highlights their efforts to address the industry's skills gap through targeted training programs and workshops.

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### COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT CALL

#### PPP Committee Renamed Project Funding & Sustainability Committee



WGIC implements its charter through six [committees](#), fostering stakeholder engagement and governance to shape policy, create knowledge, expand networks, and advocate globally for the geospatial industry.

We are pleased to announce that the Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Committee at WGIC has been renamed the **Project Funding and Sustainability Committee**. This change aims to broaden the scope beyond traditional PPPs, exploring a diverse range of funding mechanisms. The committee will now focus on addressing the evolving needs of geospatial customers across various sectors, while fostering social good and promoting sustainable business practices.

WGIC invites all its members to get involved in our committees. Choose a committee that aligns with your area of specialization, expertise, passion, or business needs. [Fill out this form](#) to express your interest.

### EVENTS & OUTREACH

#### WGIC Engagement in the Fourteenth Session of UN-GGIM



Aaron Addison, Executive Director and Zaffar Sadiq Mohamed-Ghouse, WGIC's UN Engagement Lead, and Chair of the UN-GGIM Private Sector Network (PSN), attended the Fourteenth Session of UN-GGIM in New York City earlier this month.

During the Session, several reports and recommendations were reviewed, with particular relevance to WGIC. Of note is the increasing adoption of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) by countries. The UN-GGIM PSN submitted a report titled 'Role of the Private Sector in Strengthening the UN-IGIF,' highlighting the contributions of the private sector in advancing this framework. An interim report on the Future Geospatial Information Ecosystem has expanded the discussion on this topic, although it may still be overly focused on the digital ecosystem.

A few WGIC members are actively engaged with the UN Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UNGGCE). They are interested in addressing challenges related to the global geodetic supply chain and improving geodetic infrastructure, data processing, and the supply of geodetic products, in collaboration with national governments and international geodesy organizations.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Innovate4Cities | September 10 - 12](#)

[INTERGEO 2024, WGIC QBM | September 24-26](#)

[UN-GGIM Seventh High-level Forum in Mexico | October 8-10](#)

[I-GUIDE Forum 2024 | October 14-16](#)

[Canada's National Geomatics Expo | October 28 – 30](#)

[Trimble Dimensions User Conference | November 11-13](#)

[GeoWorld 2024 | November 26-28](#)

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