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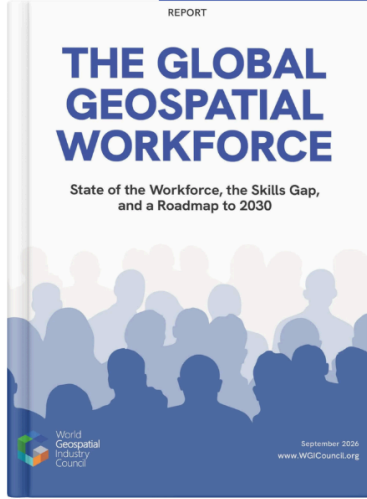
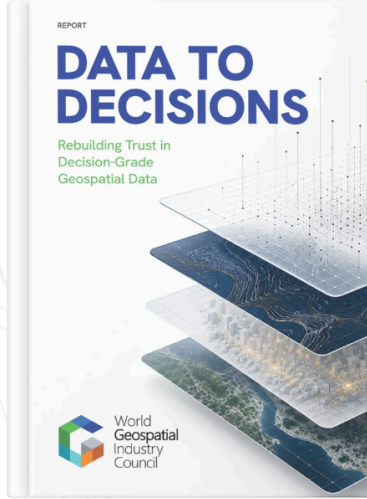
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WGIC UPDATES

WGIC Releases New Reports on Geospatial Data Trust and Workforce Challenges



NEW REPORTS OUT



On the eve of INTERGEO 2026, WGIC released two new reports.

The first report, [“Data to Decisions: Rebuilding Trust in Decision-Grade Geospatial Data,”](#) produced by the WGIC Data Committee, is essential reading for anyone making critical decisions with geospatial data.

The second report titled, [“The Global Geospatial Workforce: State of the Workforce, the Skills Gap and a Roadmap to 2030”](#) examines workforce challenges amid rapid technological advances and the industry’s expanding scope.

[Download the reports.](#)

HORIZONS PODCAST VIDEOS

Public Service Is Hard Yet Rewarding And Fulfilling



Aaron Addison, WGIC Executive Director, speaks with Amber Shultz, Kansas Secretary of Labor, about her journey from anthropology and GIS programming to public service leadership. Amber shares how curiosity, solving problems, professional networks, and a willingness to take risks shaped her career and guided the modernization of Kansas’s unemployment insurance system. She also reflects on how geospatial thinking can help leaders ask better questions, improve public services, and create new opportunities.

This conversation is part of a Horizons Podcast series highlighting the experiences, journeys, and insights of women leaders shaping the geospatial industry. Through these conversations, WGIC aims to showcase diverse perspectives, inspire future talent, and increase the visibility of women across geospatial and related sectors.

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Geospatial Lends Its Value From The Business Outcomes It Serves



Ryan Ciesielski, Global Head of Geospatial at National Grid, UK, speaks with Bhanu Rekha, WGIC’s Communication Strategist, about the role of geospatial in managing energy infrastructure, improving asset safety, and reducing power outages across the UK and US. The episode explores how subsurface mapping, predictive analytics, and AI support decisions about buried assets, subsea cables, and vegetation management, and why geospatial investment must be guided by clear business outcomes.

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EVENTS & OUTREACH

WGIC Brings Data Trust and Policy Readiness Into Focus at INTERGEO 2026



WGIC’s participation at INTERGEO 2026 in Munich brought members, partners and industry experts together to exchange ideas and advance shared priorities. Our Board and Members Meeting reviewed committee activities and upcoming initiatives, while two panel discussions, “Data to Decisions” and “From Rules to Readiness,” explored trust in geospatial intelligence and preparedness for evolving policy requirements.

Alongside the meetings and panels, INTERGEO offered valuable opportunities to reconnect, build new relationships and hear perspectives from across the industry. Thank you to our members, panelists, partners and everyone who connected with WGIC in Munich.

[Read the full blog.](#)

Advancing WGIC’s Priorities Through Member Engagement



On the sidelines of INTERGEO 2026 in Munich, WGIC held its Board and Members Meeting to review progress and discuss the association's priorities. President Zubran Solaiman of Bentley Systems welcomed members, while Executive Director Aaron Addison shared updates on recent outreach activities, emphasizing participation in events that deliver direct value to member companies. Members also reviewed committee activities supporting WGIC's research, policy engagement, and collaborative initiatives.

PARTNER EVENT



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Innovation Day Dublin: Transportation | October 8, 2026**
- R-CON 2026 | October 12-15, 2026**
- Smart City Expo World Congress | November 3-5, 2026**
- Trimble Dimensions 2026 | November 9-11, 2026**
- 2026 AASHTO Annual Meeting and Expo | November 15-18, 2026**
- EAASI Summit | November 17-20, 2026**
- GeoWorld | November 23-6, 2026**
- IHEEP 2026 | December 6-10, 2026**
- Geo Week | February 23-25, 2027**

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