



# UN Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG) Sixth Meeting

Addis Ababa, 25-27 October 2005

12 August 2005

Dear Colleagues,

FAO and WFP cordially invite you to attend the sixth meeting of the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from the 25 to 27 October 2005. The meeting will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre located at the Economic Commission for Africa.

UNGIWG is a network of professionals formed in 2000 to address common geospatial issues –maps, boundaries, data exchange, and standards. It is working towards building the UN Spatial Data Infrastructure needed to meet our common goals and objectives in sustainable development.

This year's meeting will provide exhibition space, giving participants the opportunity to exhibit some of their work and recent projects. Participants who are interested in making use of this exhibition space are kindly asked to complete the attached Request for Exhibition Space form.

For accommodation, the Hilton Hotel is recommended, or alternatively the Sheraton, which are both within walking distance from the Conference Centre. Participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation and travel arrangements to come to Addis Ababa for the meeting.

Please find attached a copy of the registration form, provisional agenda, request for exhibition space and the new UNGIWG brochure. Further details and local information for Addis Ababa will be posted on the new UNGIWG web site at <http://www.ungiwg.org>.

Please note that all UNGIWG members are encouraged to attend the full three days. UNGIWG Partners (i.e. non-UN) are encouraged to attend the full day plenary (26<sup>th</sup>) until midday of the 27<sup>th</sup>.

To confirm participation, please mail your registration to the following postal address:

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Alternatively, an electronic copy is available on the UNGIWG web site can be forwarded to [sixth\\_plenary@ungiwg.org](mailto:sixth_plenary@ungiwg.org). Comments or further queries can be sent to same email address.

Yours sincerely,

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