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Dear UNSDI Secretariat,

The Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association congratulates UNGIWG and the UNSDI Secretariat on this occasion of the official launch of the Centre of Excellence for UNSDI (CoE4UNSDI). UNGIWG has made substantial progress in advancing its strategy for implementing the UNSDI and in advancing its institutional governance. The Center of Excellence initiative with its added goal of leveraging the investments of disparate institutions towards improved geospatial decision-making promises to be another significant step forward.

GSDI graciously accepts your invitation to serve as a member of the Technical Advisory Group that advises the UNSDI Steering Committee. The GSDI Board will soon select and appoint a person to fulfill this role and responsibility if this is the appropriate procedure to use.

The goals of UNGIWG and the GSDI Association are highly compatible and mutually supportive. All citizens across the globe benefit as Spatial Data Infrastructure in its evolving guises is advanced to better meet the needs of citizens whether in addressing day-to-day decision making or in helping to address some of the world's most pressing problems.

Congratulations again and we look forward to continued strong mutual support and advancement and to close working relationships over the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, enclosed in a blue oval. The signature appears to read 'Abbas Rajabifard'.

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