

# The GSGF and beyond

## The integration of statistics and geospatial information and Climate Change and Disasters Related Statistics

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# WHAT IS THE DATA WE NEED: THE GLOBAL FUNDAMENTAL GEOSPATIAL DATA THEMES



Global Geodetic Reference Frame



Addresses



Buildings and Settlements



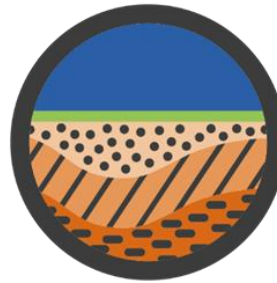
Elevation and Depth



Functional Areas



Geographical Names



Geology and Soils



Land Cover and Use



Land Parcels



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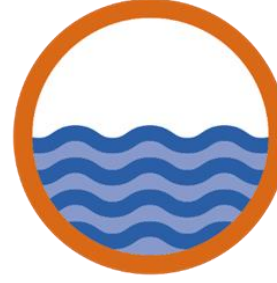
Physical Infrastructure



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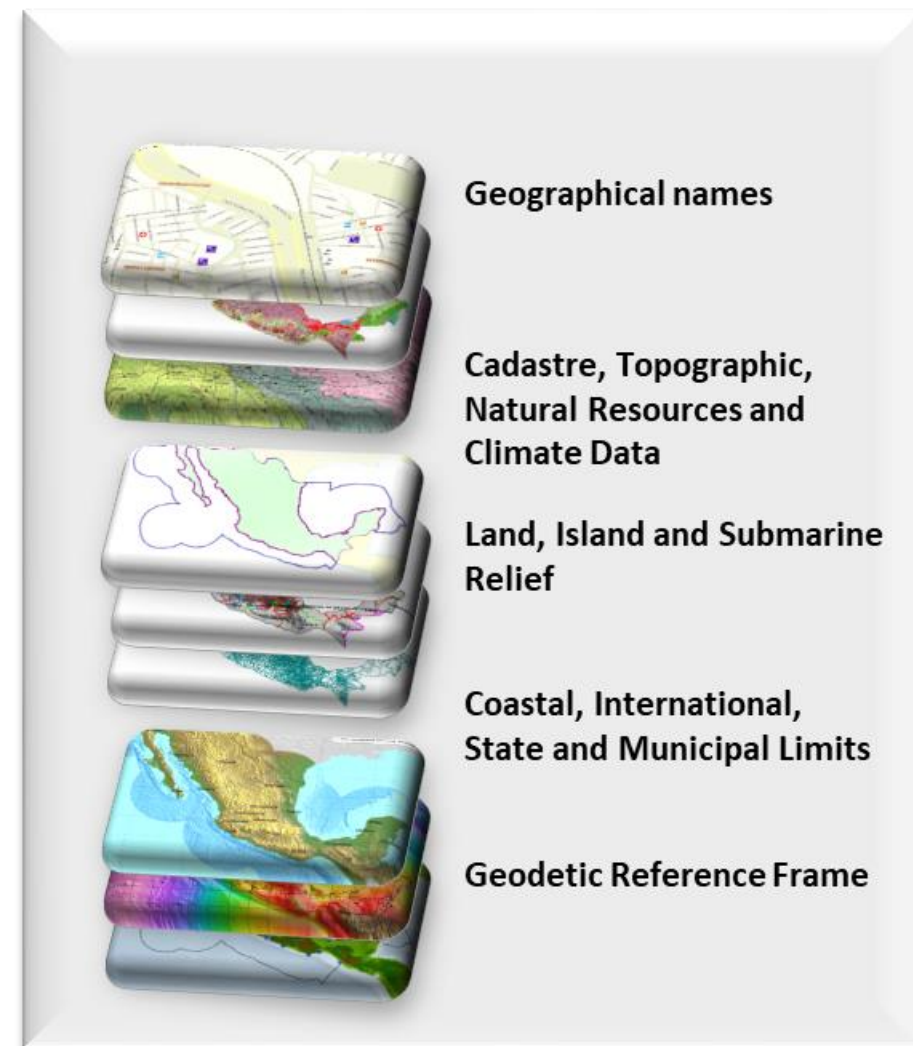
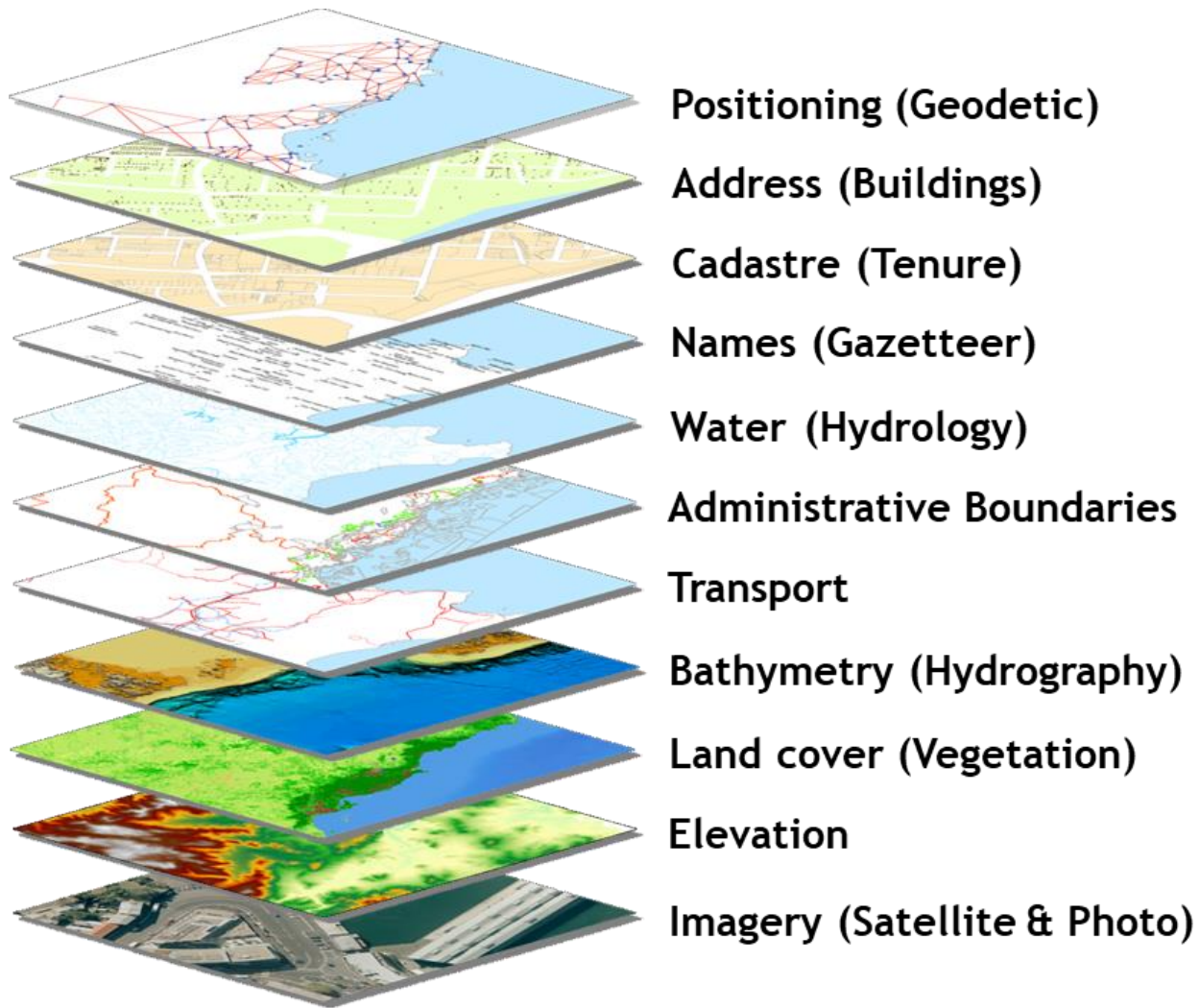


Transport Networks



Water

# THE GLOBAL FUNDAMENTAL GEOSPATIAL DATA THEMES



# THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS REPORT 2022

The Sustainable Development Goals Report  
2022

*“ We must rise higher to rescue the Sustainable Development Goals - and stay true to our promise of a world of peace, dignity and prosperity on a healthy planet...”*

*... However, **significant data gaps still exist in terms of geographic coverage, timeliness and level of disaggregation**, making it difficult to fully comprehend the pace of progress towards the realization of the 2030 Agenda, differences across regions and who is being left behind... ”*

António Guterres  
Secretary General, United Nations



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# THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE INTEGRATION OF STATISTICAL AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION IS DEMANDED BY MANDATES

**ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2022/3**: *Ensuring that the work in the field of statistics and data is adaptive to the changing statistical and data ecosystem*

- “Emphasizes the importance for Member States to build resilient, agile, relevant, responsive and robust *statistical and data systems adhering to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics that fully integrate geospatial information* and to seek improved coordination across national statistical and data systems through an expanded role of the national statistical offices in the changing data landscape, where they are increasingly assigned data stewardship responsibilities in the national statistical and data systems”

**ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2022/24**: *Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements*

- “Reiterates the importance of strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness of the Committee of Experts, particularly for the achievement of its operations focused on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, to strengthen and ensure its continued effectiveness and benefits to all Member States”

# THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE INTEGRATION OF STATISTICAL AND GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION (EG-ISGI)



*Composed of Experts in Statistical and Geospatial Integration from NSOs and NGIAs with:*

- *29 Member States,*
- *5 UN Regional Commissions,*
- *3 UN Agencies and*
- *4 International Organizations*

*It reports to both the UN Statistical Commission and the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) and is guided by their mandates.*



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*UN-GGIM Decision 9/106 (2019): [Encouraged the Expert Group] “...to continue its work to develop guidance on and support the promotion, awareness-raising and implementation of the GSGF, and its work on statistical geospatial integration and coordination, in particular with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2020 round of population censuses, and encouraged Member States and other stakeholders to participate in, and contribute to, these important elements”*

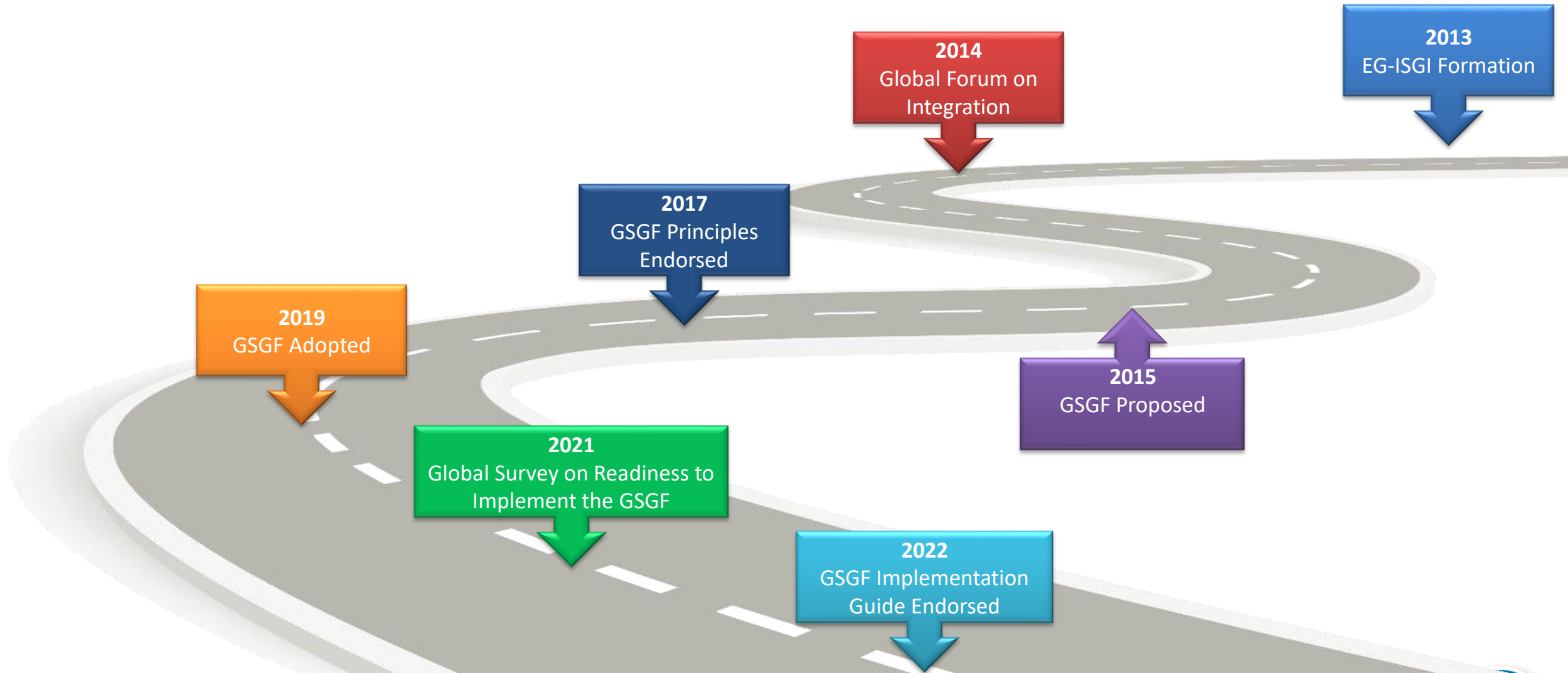
*Statistical Commission Decision 51/123 (2020): “...welcomed [the Expert Group’s] continuing efforts to provide guidance to Member States to support the adoption and implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF)”*

*Statistical Commission Decision 53/127 (2022): endorsed the GSGF Implementation Guide as a practical means to implement the GSGF and to create, disseminate, and utilise geospatially enabled statistics, and welcomed the many use cases and good practices describing how the GSGF has been implemented and operationalized within national and regional contexts;*

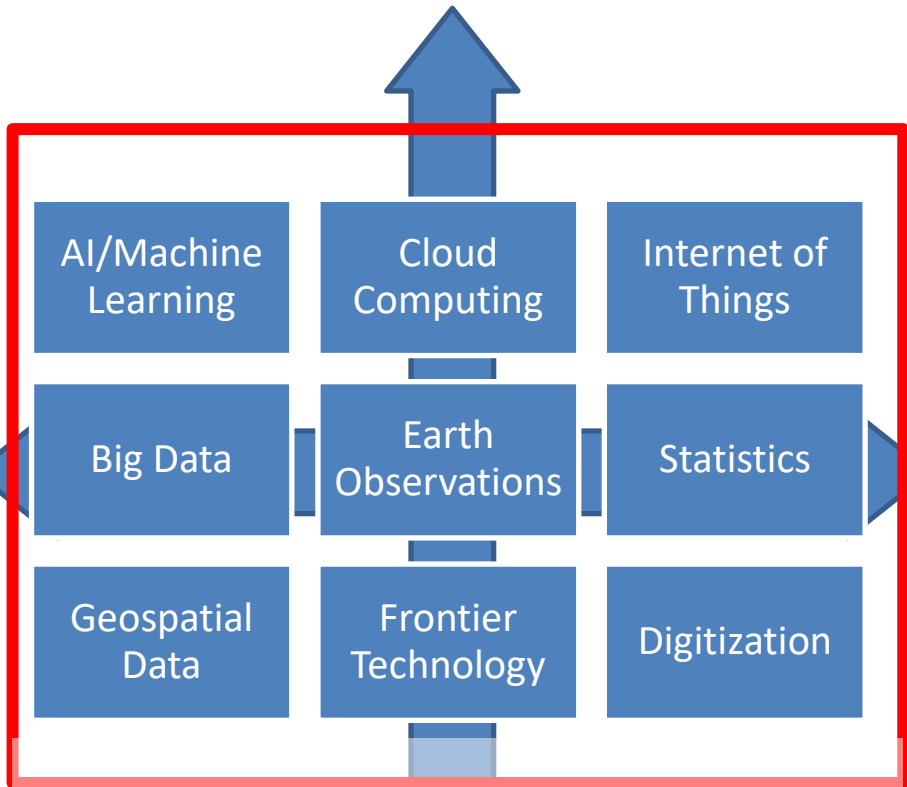




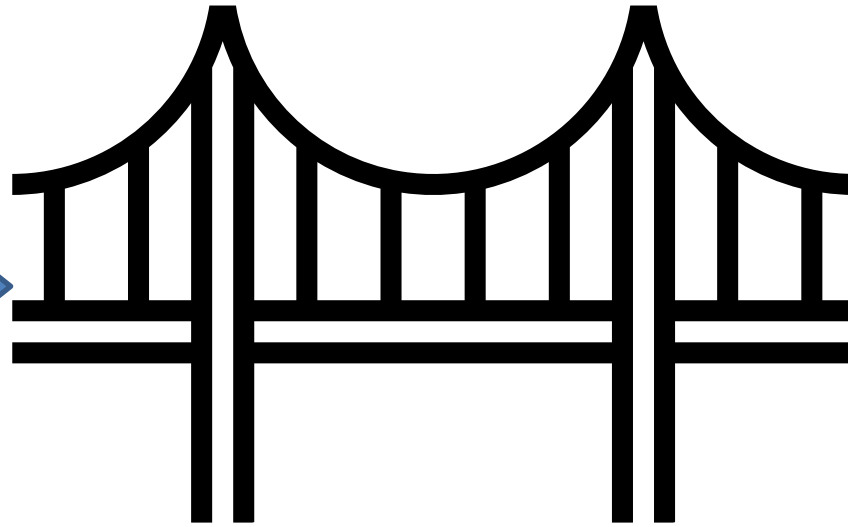
# THE EG-ISGI JOURNEY SO FAR



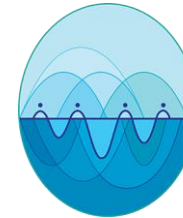
# BRIDGING THE GEOSPATIAL DIGITAL DIVIDE THROUGH INTEGRATION



***Integration***



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



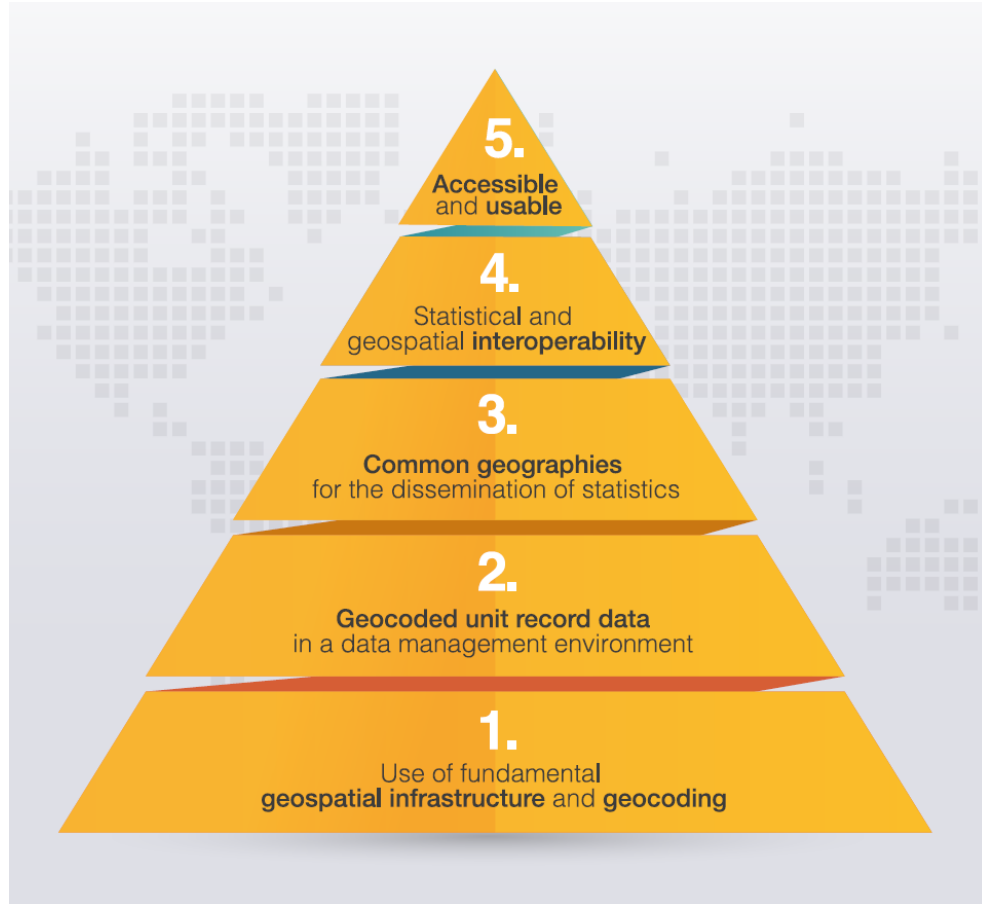
ISLAND VOICES  
GLOBAL CHOICES

SENDAI FRAMEWORK	Scope and Purpose	1 Global Outcome	1 Goal
7 Global Targets	13 Guiding Principles		
4 Priorities for Action	at 4 Levels Local, National, Regional and Global		
Role of Stakeholders	International Cooperation and Global Partnerships		

SENDAI FRAMEWORK  
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2015-2030



# THE GLOBAL STATISTICAL GEOSPATIAL FRAMEWORK



*The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) facilitates the integration of statistical and geospatial information.*

*A Framework for the world, the GSGF enables a range of data to be integrated from both statistical and geospatial communities and, through the application of its five Principles and supporting key elements, permits the production of harmonised and standardised geospatially enabled statistical data. The resulting data can then be integrated with statistical, geospatial, and other information to inform and facilitate data-driven and evidence-based decision making*

[https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/documents/The\\_GSGF.pdf](https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/documents/The_GSGF.pdf)

# THE GLOBAL STATISTICAL GEOSPATIAL FRAMEWORK

## PRINCIPLES

- Accessible & usable
- Statistical and geospatial interoperability
- Common geographies for dissemination of statistics
- Geocoded unit record data in a data management environment
- Use of fundamental geospatial infrastructure and geocoding

## KEY ELEMENTS

Standards and Good Practices

National Laws and Policy

Technical Infrastructure

Institutional Collaboration

## INPUT

### Geospatial

- Fundamental data
- Supplementary data
- New data sources

### Statistical

- Censuses
- Surveys
- Administrative data records
- Big data and other sources

## OUTPUT

Integration

Harmonised and standardised information

Interoperability Comparability

Analysis

Diffusion

Decision making

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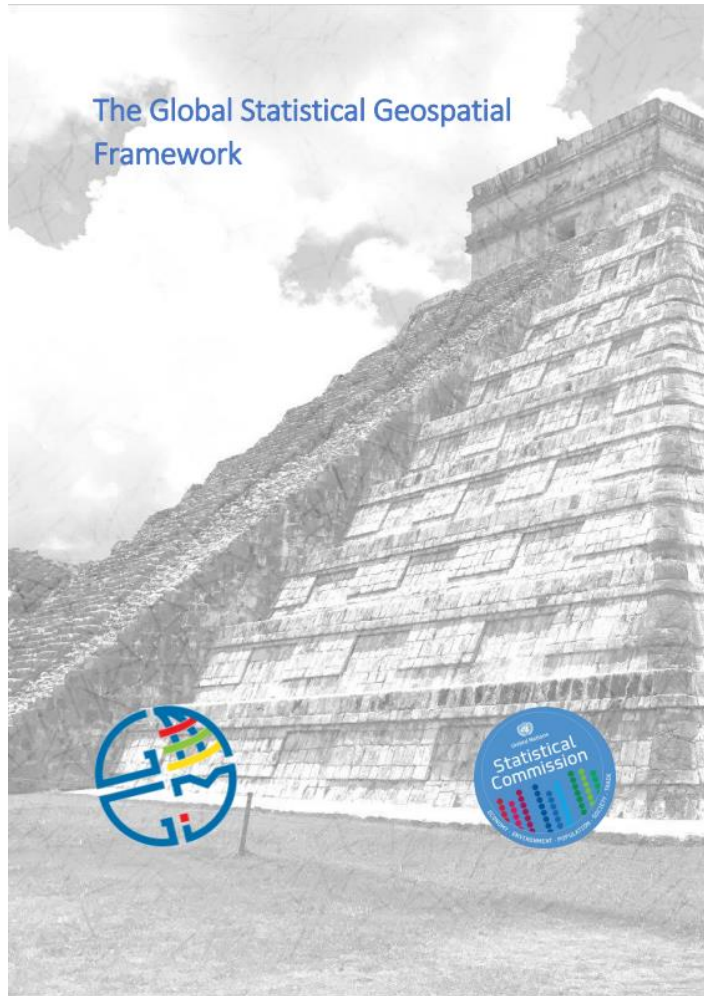


# THE GLOBAL STATISTICAL GEOSPATIAL FRAMEWORK

**What are the main resources that we already have available?**



# THE GLOBAL STATISTICAL GEOSPATIAL FRAMEWORK



The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework: a 46 pages document that shows and explains the foundations of the GSGF. It is available in six languages:

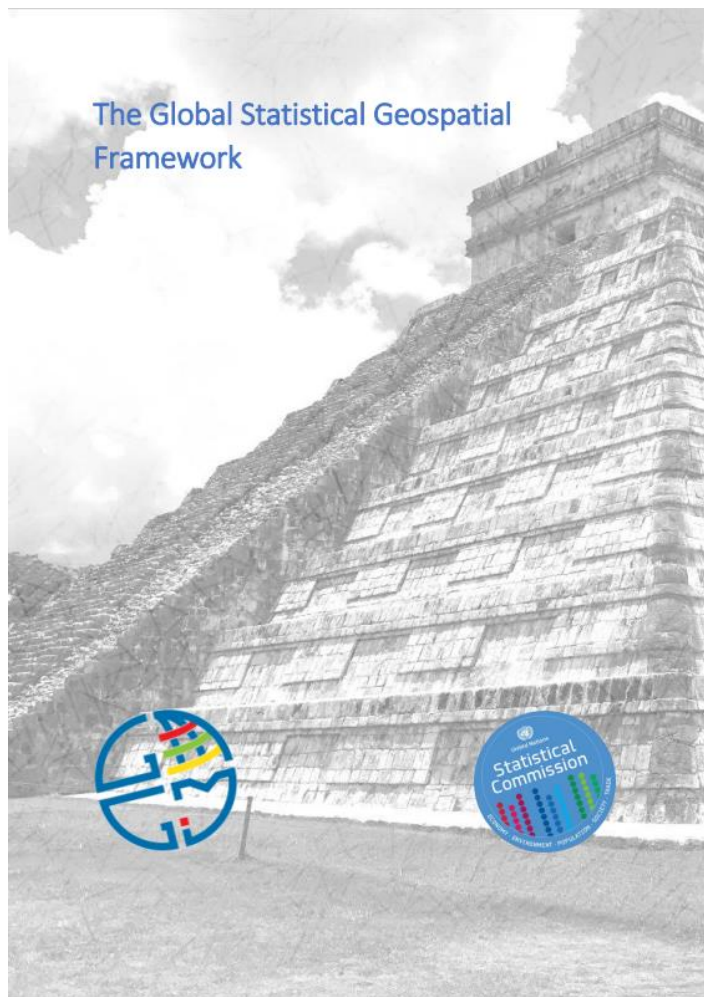
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# THE GLOBAL STATISTICAL GEOSPATIAL FRAMEWORK

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# THE GLOBAL STATISTICAL GEOSPATIAL FRAMEWORK

The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework:  
Implementation Guide

The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework Implementation Guide: A 149-page document detailing the implementation of the GSGF, including country-level experience from 30 countries. Available in English.

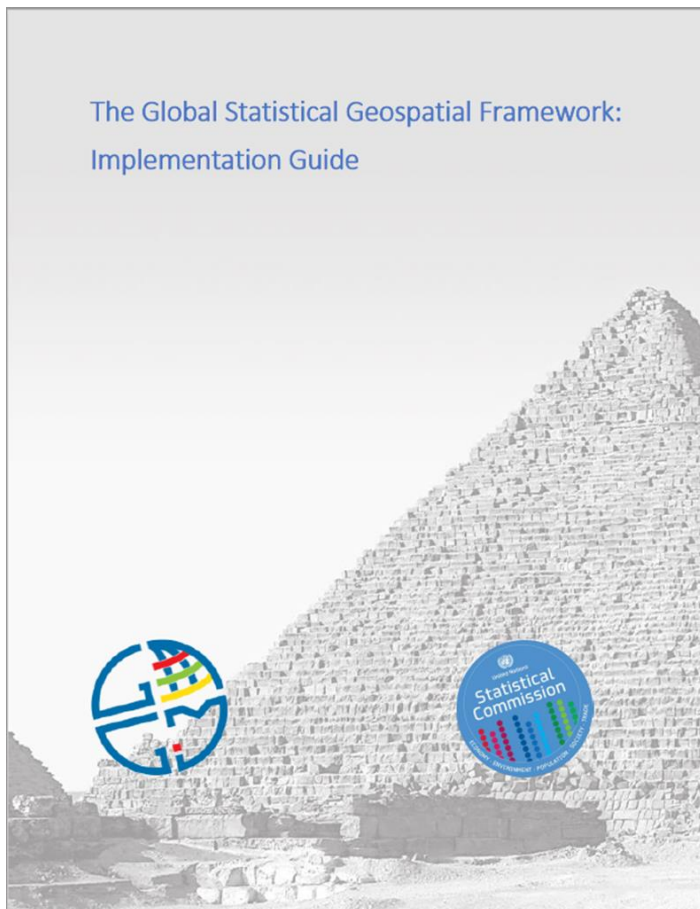
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# THE GSGF IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE



The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework:  
Implementation Guide

The GSGF Implementation Guide is composed of three main ‘chapters’ to help the implementation of the GSGF.

## Implementation Guidance

Implementing Geocoding  
Implementing Common Geographies  
Fostering Interoperability  
Ensuring Privacy and Confidentiality

## Terminology of the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information

## Experiences of Implementation

30 National Experiences  
5 Regional Experiences

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/53rd-session/documents/BG-3x-EG-ISGI-GSGF-Implementation-Guide-E.pdf>

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# THE GSGF IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE: GEOCODING

- Geocoding is generally defined as the process of **geospatially enabling statistical unit records** or other nonspatial data (such as address lists or housing unit records) by creating **x- and y- (and potentially z) coordinates and linking them to each record.**”
- Once geocoding is performed on individual statistical unit records can be **aggregated into larger geographic units** (e.g., states, provinces, municipalities, or neighborhood ) for statistical analysis.

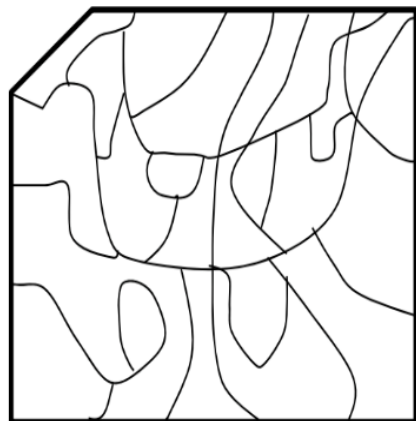


# THE GSGF IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE: GEOCODING

- Such statistical unit records are then ready for further applications such as methodologies to ensure *confidentiality even in small area data disclosure*.
- The GSGF Implementation Guide enables the implementation of the recommendation: *“All statistical unit records should include or be linked to a precise geographic reference (an x- and y- coordinate), and if not, the smallest geographic area possible”*



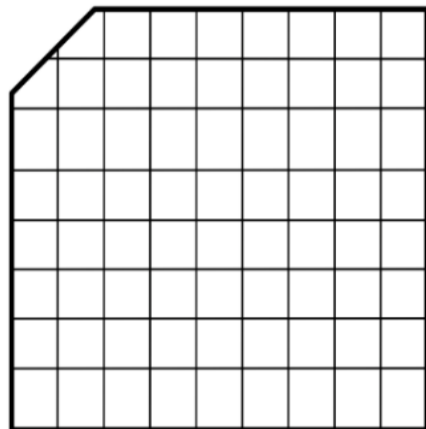
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Administrative  
Geographies

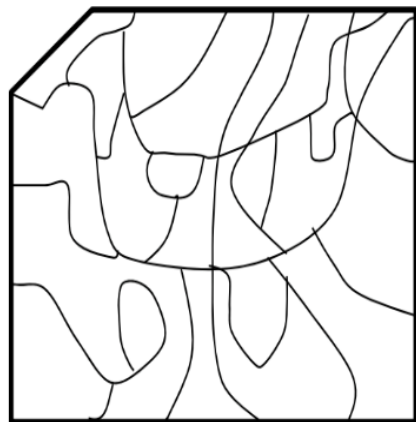


Statistical  
Geographies



*Common geographies* are an agreed set of geographic areas for the **display, storage, dissemination, and analysis** of social, economic and environmental comparisons across statistical datasets from different sources. They enable the production and dissemination of integrated statistics and geospatial information within a country to support informed decision-making.

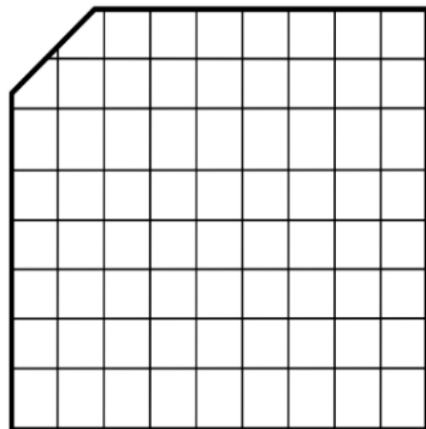
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Administrative  
Geographies



Statistical  
Geographies



The broad types of *Common Geographies*:

- Geographies defined in law, regulations or constitution - examples include sub-national major political regions, electoral districts and local municipalities. This type of geographic area is often termed **Administrative**.
- Geographies defined by a set of rules, or a methodology meant to represent a geographic concept such as metro regions, statistical grids and small area dissemination geographies. This type of geographic area is often termed **Statistical or Geo-Statistical**.

# THE GSGF IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE: COMMON GEOGRAPHIES

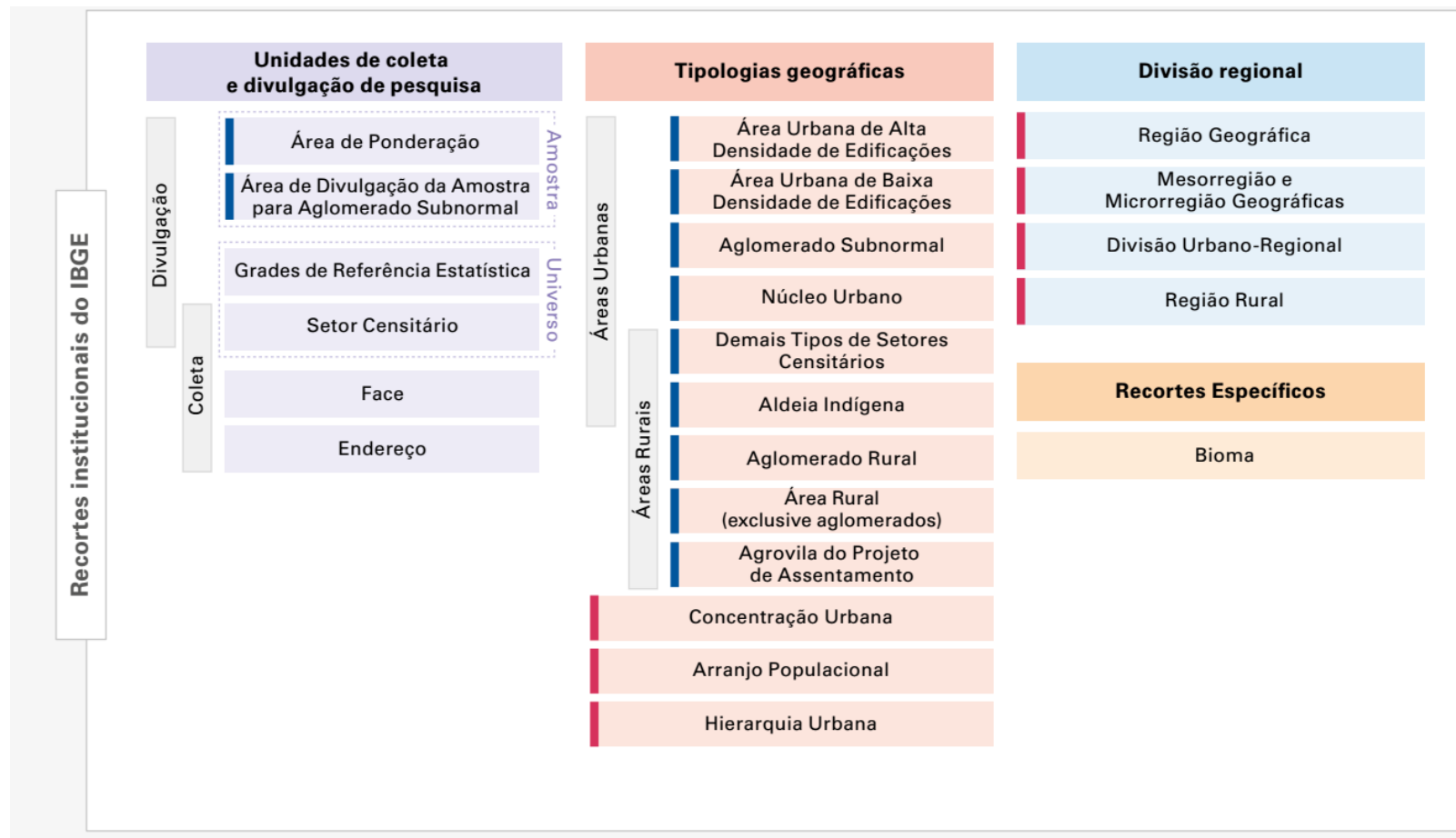
## Common Geographies - Administrative - Example of Brazil

Recortes legais publicados pelo IBGE	Divisão político-administrativa	Divisão regional	Tipologias geográficas
	Grande Região	Recortes Metropolitanos	Área Urbana
	Estado	Categorias Metropolitanas	Área Rural
	Distrito Federal	Subcategorias Metropolitanas	Terra Indígena
	Município	Aglomeración Urbana	
	Distrito	Amazônia Legal	
	Subdistrito	Área de Atuação da SUDENE	
	Bairro	Semiárido	
	MATOPIBA		
	Municípios Costeiros		
	Municípios Defrontantes com o Mar		
	Municípios da Faixa de Fronteira		

Recortes compostos por agregados de Setores Censitários
  Recortes compostos por agregados de Municípios

# Mantendo recortes geográficos relevantes

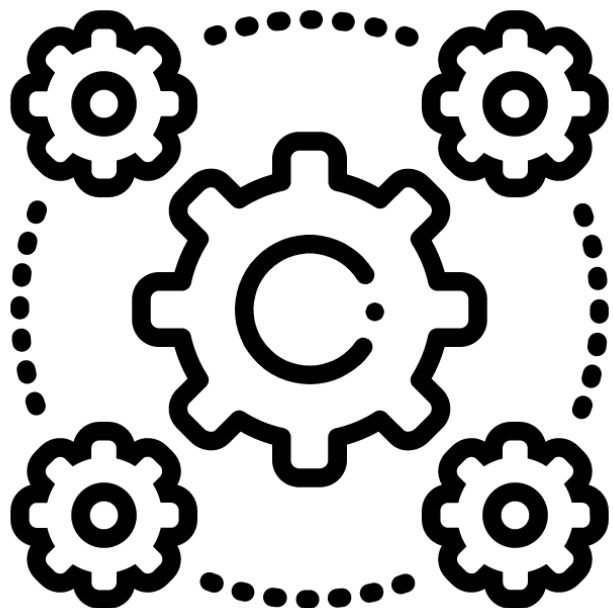
## Common Geographies - Statistical Geographies - Example of Brazil



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# THE GSGF IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE: INTEROPERABILITY

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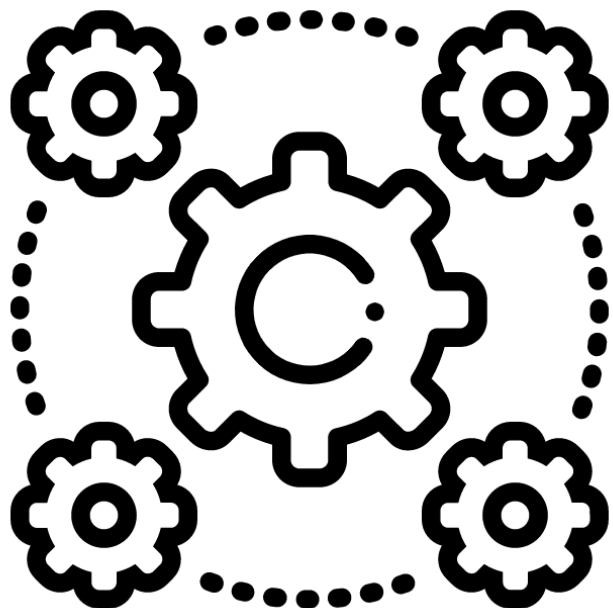


- **Identity disclosure** refers to finding a direct identifier of a statistical unit from the data (for example, name or address);



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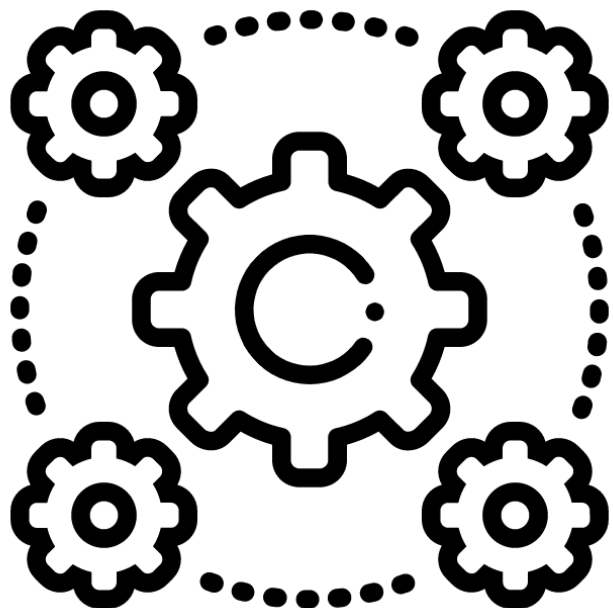
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- **Attribute disclosure** refers to revealing an association between a statistical unit and its sensitive features. For example, the user knows someone is living in an area, while the data show that all the inhabitants of this area share a common characteristic, such as income; and,

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- **Inferential disclosure** refers to inferring some attribute with a high confidence level, where increasing confidence levels is a desirable outcome for statistical data users.

Further, the guide summarises the current state of relevant academic literature and highlights good practices in Privacy and Confidentiality, including within the IGIF.

# THE GSGF IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE: THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

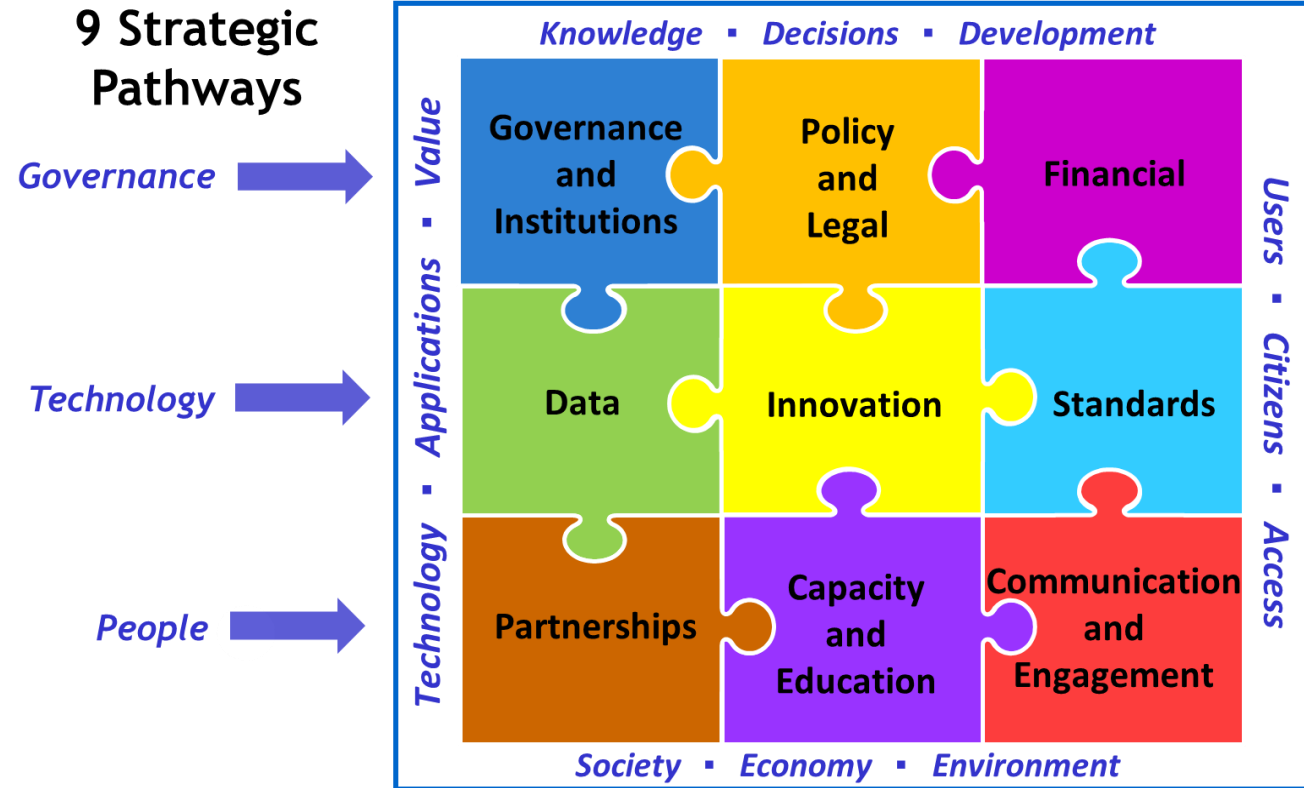
Bridges must have a strong foundation and pillars either side. Geospatially, the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework is a key enabling framework for the GSGF:

## Principle 1: Fundamental geospatial infrastructure

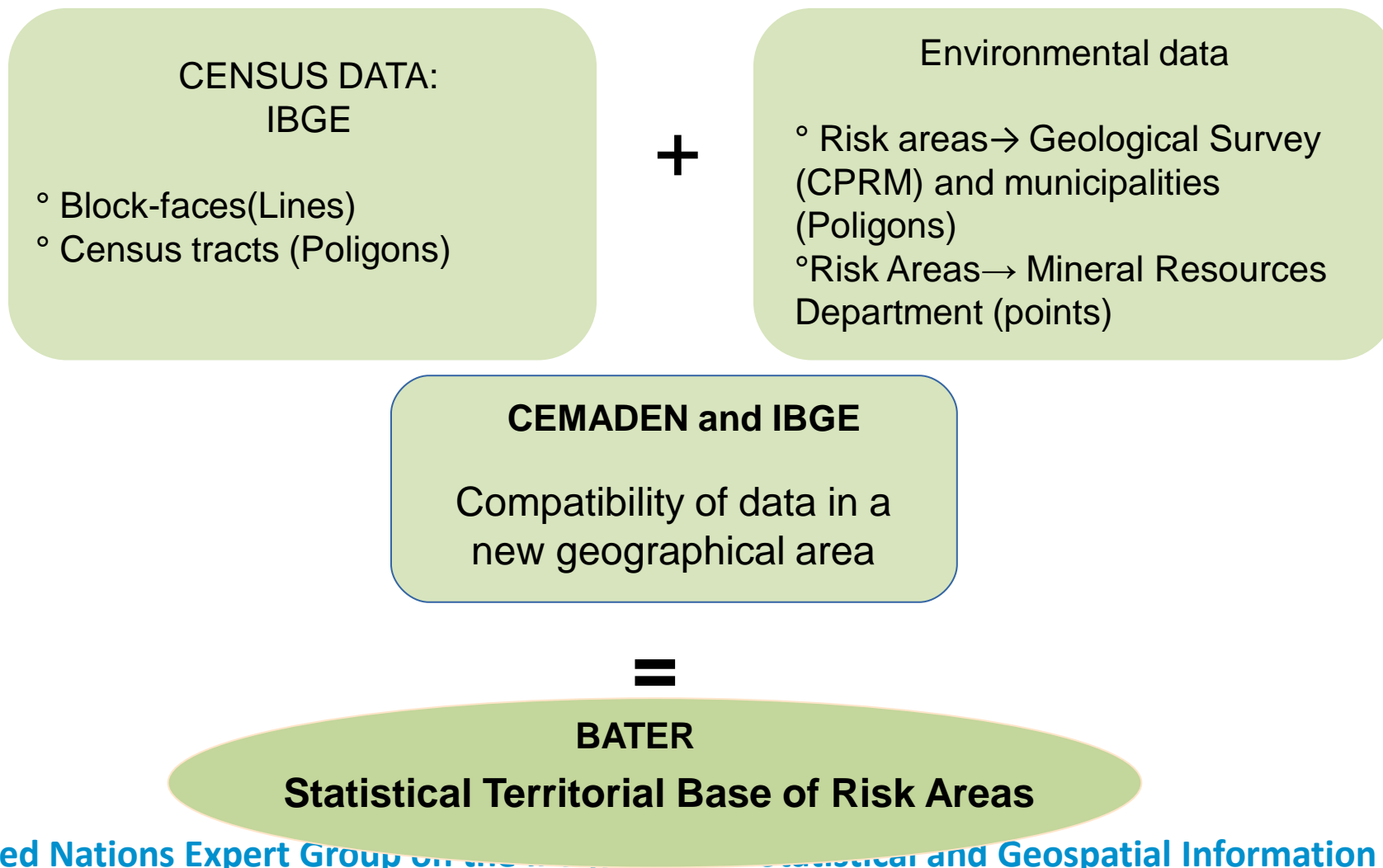
- The means of implementing the GSGF is the **IGIF**
- The 9 strategic pathways of the IGIF have a strong relevance across the GSGF
- Conversely, the GSGF is a key enabler for Strategic Pathway 4: Data

## Principle 5: Accessible and Usable

- Promoting the availability of geospatially enabled ***statistical*** data ... and other forms of data?



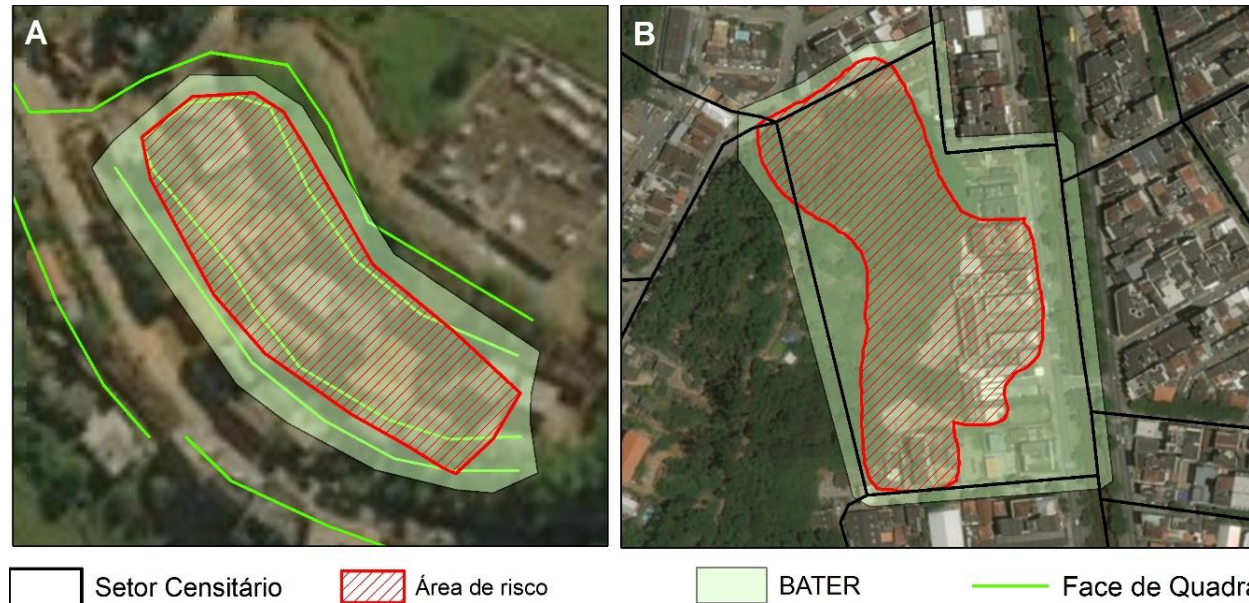
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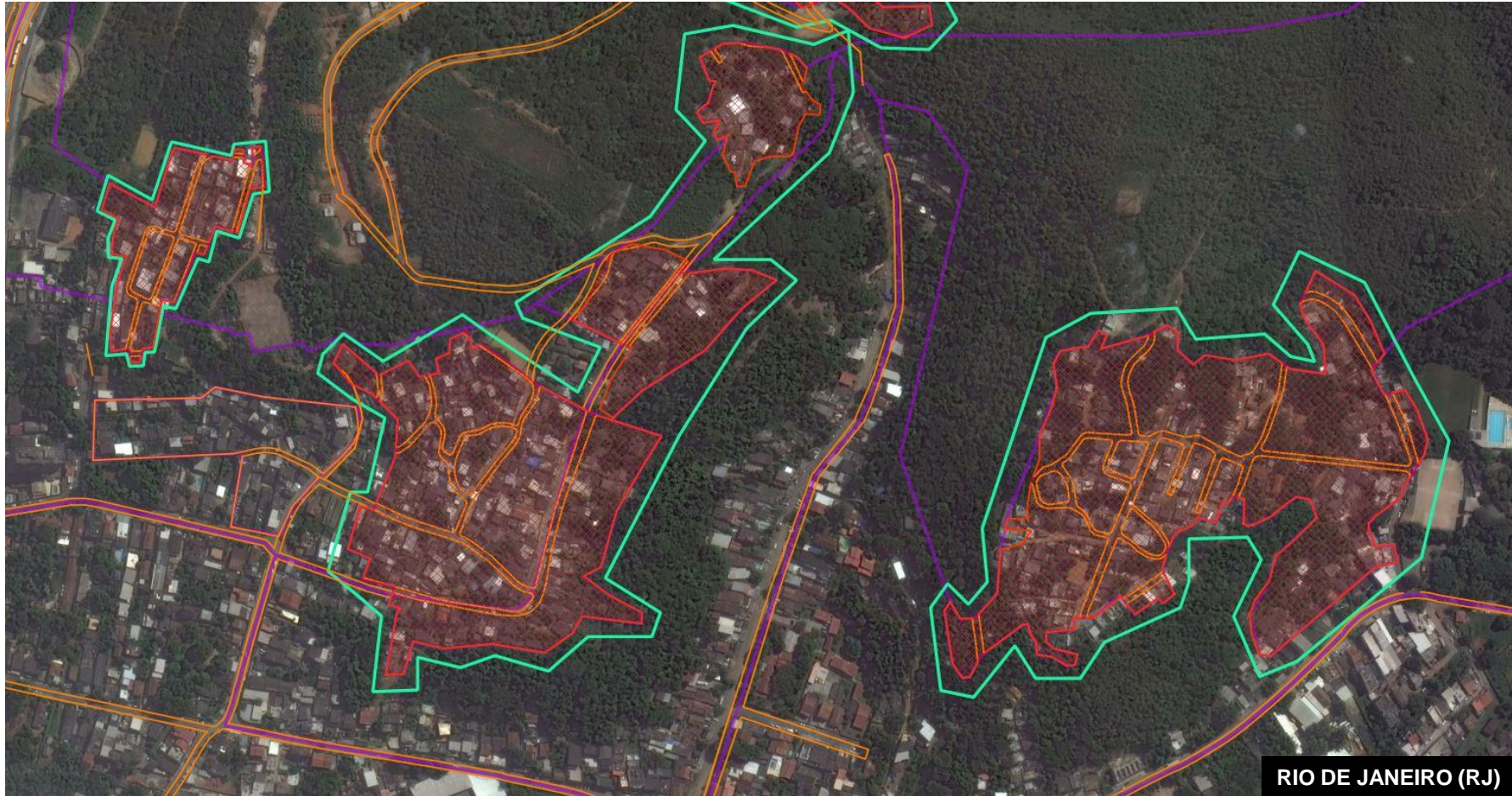
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## Methodological Issues

- Sociodemographic data were associated with areas at risk of flooding, and landslides for 872 Brazilian municipalities, through **BATER**.
- **BATER** - new geography; smallest possible area resulting from the intersection of risk areas with the census features most adherent to the objectives of the work.



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 BATER

 SQUARE FACES

 CENSUS TRACTS

 RISK AREAS

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# NATIONAL EXPERIENCE: HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN AREAS AT RISK OF LANDSLIDES OR FLOODING IN BRAZIL?

## Household Geocoded: possibilities in the horizon

- With the expansion of the georeferencing coverage of the 2022 Census, new possibilities are in the horizon using greater precision and accuracy of coordinates to generate risk information;
- The integration of census data with risk area mapping data can be done in a more automatic/organic way due to the granularity of the information, possibly reducing the percentage of areas that used census tracts and also those without associated demographic data, improving the quality of information;
- Small areas have more possibility to have information about risk, observing confidentiality (possibly including random noise).

# POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTING THE GSGF TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS RELATED STATISTICS

- Possibility of producing more accurate statistics for populations affected by climate change or subject to natural disasters, with guarantee of confidentiality.
- possibility of generating statistics more adherent to the needs of decision makers.
- Possibility of integration and intersection between different data sources, such as demographic censuses, soil mapping, geological mapping, rainfall data, etc.
- Presentation of statistics in a friendly way, using interactive maps.
- Possibility of creating new knowledge by crossing different themes in the territory and using spatial analysis tools.



# Thank you very much!

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