Dear ISO/TC 211 members and liaisons (delegates, experts, representatives, project leaders, convenors, others),

The Chair, Committee manager and Outreach convenor invite you all to contribute to:

**The User story challenge**

which means presenting 50 user stories this year, through contributions from everyone in the ISO/TC 211 committee. Sounds reasonable? We believe so. This roughly means:

- 1 contribution per country or liaison;
- or less than 1 contribution for each standard;
- or 1 contribution every week;
- or 1 contribution to celebrate each historic plenary.

**Simple template for your contribution**

We want user stories where ISO/TC 211 standards are used in processes/projects today

1. Title of your user story
2. What ISO/TC 211 standard(s)?
3. How is (are) the standard(s) used?
4. What are the benefits for the user?
5. What country or liaison?
6. If country, what organization?
7. Please attach one figure as a symbol for this user story (think 1 ppt slide)
8. Contact person, email address

**Simple instructions**

- Contributions describe real uses today, of standards or standard profiles
- Contributions are short, minimum 200 and maximum 400 words
- There are no limits to the amount of contributions from one country or liaison
- Contributions already used in another TC context, are also needed and welcome
- We reserve the right to, make editorial changes, and to use all or a subset of the contributions for outreach purposes.

Please invest a moment, and send your contributions to agneta.gren.engberg@lm.se

Thank you very much in advance and looking forward to your contributions!

_Agnete Engberg – Chair & Convenor Supporting UN-GGIM_
_Mats Åhlin - Committee manager_
_Simon Vrečar – Convenor Outreach_
Read more - background and purpose

As Chair, Committee manager and Outreach convenor, we believe that the committee shares our wish to better show the benefits of ISO/TC 211 standards. Of course, the TC already knows the importance, for instance that the IHO S-100 framework is based on ISO standards, and surveys like the one from EuroGeographics show that many organizations are familiar with and use the quality related standards including metadata. Furthermore, the UN-GGIM work aims at increasing the benefits of standards and has identified some use cases and governance models and legislations implying the use of standards.

However, even if many of our members are aware of the use, it is certainly not obvious for everyone. We understand that the TC today lack an accessible collection of user examples, specially from the national mapping agency context, also including more of our members across different continents. Changing this situation could help us in UN-GGIM and general outreach work.

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