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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to inform that the Smart Maps Online Seminar will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on 2 March 2023 (Online Seminar). This event is organized by the United Nations Geospatial Information Section, the Office of Information and Communication Technology (OICT), together with the UN Open GIS Initiative that is an ongoing partnership initiative for technology in peacekeeping. The event is also supported by the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.

Geospatial information and services play important role in supporting various UN operations and activities, and we have conducted a number of collaborative and joint efforts through the partnership among Member States and the United Nations Secretariat.

This seminar will present the status and some examples of ongoing collaborative partnerships, and also highlight the use cases of open-source geospatial tools that are developed through joint and collaborative efforts among stakeholders such as peacekeepers (users), geospatial experts, developers from Members States, the Secretariat, International Organizations, NGOs, Academia and the Private Sector. It will also discuss on a way forward to furthering our collaboration in the area of the Smart Maps developments.

The seminar will provide a unique opportunity to learn and discuss the ongoing collaborative geospatial activities in support of the United Nations operations. The event is open for any diplomatic colleagues or technical experts who are interested in the themes. We would be happy to see you on the seminar. Please kindly inform your interest to participate the online seminar to Mr. Taro Ubukawa (taro.ubukawa@un.org) no later than 28 February 2023. We look forward to your participation and engagement during the seminar. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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