

# FGDC Update

**National Geospatial Advisory  
Committee  
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# Current Priorities

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- Supporting Administration priorities:
  - Climate Executive Order – FGDC Climate Mapping Report (Due August 2021)
  - Environmental Justice initiative (leveraging GeoPlatform)
- Geospatial Data Act (GDA) Report to Congress Phase 2 (due June 2021)
- Revision to OMB Circular A-16
  - Working with OMB on final adjudication of comments
- NSDI Strategic Plan – Implementation plan
  - In collaboration with NGAC and partners
- NGAC appointments
- Establishment of NGAC 3DEP subcommittee

# GDA Report to Congress

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## RTC Phase 1 Report

- High level summary of GDA implementation activities to date (submitted to Congress January 2021)
- Posted at: <https://www.fgdc.gov/gda/gda-reports/gda-report-to-congress-phase-1.pdf>

## RTC Phase 2 Report

- Summary of Agency performance, NGAC comments & recommendations (Approved by FGDC Steering Committee; in final review at DOI – to be submitted in June/July)
- Contents:
  - Overview
  - FGDC Summary of Covered Agency and NGDA Theme Evaluations
  - NGAC Comments on FGDC Summary
  - FGDC Response to NGAC Comments

# GDA Implementation – Next Steps

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- Completion of RTC Phase 2
- Review of NGAC & FGDC feedback on 2020 reporting process
- Refinement/updating of GDA reporting templates and processes for 2021 reporting cycle
- Coordination with IG offices on upcoming 2022 GDA audits
  - FGDC OS will meet with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) this week
  - Status update on implementing the Act
- Coordination with COGO on 2022 NSDI Report Card process
- Continued alignment with CDO Council, Evidence Act, etc.

# 3DEP Subcommittee

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- National Landslide Preparedness Act (P.L. 116-323) establishes new NGAC 3D Elevation Program Subcommittee
- Members to be approved by FGDC Chair & appointed by NGAC Chair
- DOI/Solicitor's Office has determined that NGAC Charter must be renewed to legally "establish" new subcommittee consistent with language in NLPA. Charter renewal currently being processed within USGS/DOI
- Charter renewal must be completed prior to subcommittee kick-off activities. FGDC developing Operating Procedures document to describe subcommittee roles and responsibilities
- Goal is to have subcommittee established prior to Fall NGAC meeting

# NGAC Appointments

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- Call for Nominations issued January 2021. Excellent response, many highly-qualified applications received.
- Review process delay due to transition, establishment of review/approval processes
- Interagency review panel evaluating nominations and developing recommendations.
- Final decisions on appointments to be made by Secretary of the Interior's office.
- Tentative schedule for two next rounds of appointments: Summer/Fall 2021, and early 2022.

# International Activities

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Group on Earth Observations (GEO)

- Workplan Symposium, June 23 –25

Eleventh session of the Committee of Experts on  
Global Geospatial Information Management

(UN-GGIM)

- August 23rd, 24th, and 27th

# Upcoming Schedule & Actions

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- Quarterly FGDC Steering Committee & NGAC Meetings
  - Steering Committee – July (date TBD)
  - NGAC – June 29 & 30
    - Discussion on the Climate EO
  - Next meetings – October, December (dates TBD)
- GDA Report to Congress Phase 2 Submission – June/July
- Review/approval of Climate Executive Order report – August
- Review/approval of annual appointments to NGAC – Summer/Fall 2021; early 2022



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# Questions/Discussion