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African Centre for Statistics (ACS)
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
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Subject: *Invitation to Conduct the Second Capacity Development Workshop on Spatial Insights: Empowering Decision-Making and Transforming Knowledge into Action with Geospatial Intelligence*

Dear Sir, wishing that this letter finds you in good health, I would like to respectfully forward this note for your kind consideration.

Following the discussion we had with ECA's technical mission to Eritrea from 9 – 12 June 2025, the African Centre for Statistics (ACS) has provided the first phase of capacity building workshop on Geographic Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing for 23 national experts from 8 different stakeholders from 23rd to 27th June 2025 in Asmara. The training addressed critical knowledge and skill gaps in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS). and was instrumental in enhancing the experts' technical capabilities.

On behalf of the Ministry of Land, Water and Environment of the State of Eritrea, I extend our sincere appreciation to the African Centre for Statistics (ACS) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) for the invaluable support and expertise during the First Capacity Building Workshop. We also acknowledge the support of UNDP in funding this successful event.

Noting the need for building on the achievements of the initial workshop, we are pleased to invite the ECA-ACS team to conduct the Second Capacity Development Workshop on Spatial Insights: *Empowering Decision-Making and Transforming Knowledge into Action with Geospatial Intelligence*.

This suggested advanced training programme is envisioned as a 3-4-week in-depth capacity building initiative, focusing on practical application of GIS and Remote Sensing in the domains of land, water, and environmental resources management.

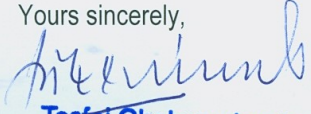
The objectives of this second workshop are to:

- a) Deepen the theoretical understanding gained in the first workshop through extensive hands-on exercises.
- b) Equip Ministry staff with practical skills to confidently apply GIS and RS technologies to real-world challenges, including water resource management, land use planning, and environmental monitoring.
- c) Foster a culture of data-driven decision-making and knowledge transformation within the Ministry

We believe that this enhanced training will significantly contribute to our ongoing efforts to strengthen institutional capacity and improve service delivery in the critical sectors of land, water, and environment.

We look forward to your positive response and continued collaboration in this important endeavor.

Yours sincerely,


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