

Invitation

UN MAPPERS MAPATHON IN 2022

The UN GGIM Academic Network and the UN Geospatial Network invite you to participate in a UN Mappers mapathon. A mapathon (literally "map marathon") is a collaborative effort to improve OpenStreetMap data, very often for humanitarian purposes, in places where OpenStreetMap data is scarce or non-existent. During the mapathon, volunteers from various backgrounds get together to remotely map a specific area using satellite imagery or aerial photographs. Anyone can participate in a mapathon, no prerequisite geography or geomatics knowledge is required.

The aim of this mapathon is to raise awareness of UN missions and how they use open data sources for them, and to inspire students to contribute to these efforts. In this UN Mappers activation we are going to map building footprints, supporting UNSMIL to ensure peace in Libya. The data will be used to deliver a 3D digital replica of the city of Tripoli to allow peacekeepers to remotely visualize and analyze inaccessible locations on the ground, experience different kind of scenarios beforehand, and perform operational planning around a shared simulated sandbox.

Apart from learning how to contribute to data for UN missions, participating in the UN-GGIM Academic Network Mapathon will also give you insight into OpenStreetMap data and for which purposes it could be useful.



The mapathon zoom meeting will be open for 10 hours. The project we will contribute in a collaborative way is:
<https://tasks.hotosm.org/projects/12289>
(it will be opened on that day)

You can participate and contribute data for any period of time during the 10 hours. Feel free to organise a collaborative session with your colleagues and students for a few hours in the same venue (physically or virtually), and join the UN-GGIM Academic Network Mapathon!

For an introduction to the mapathon, a video is available [here](#).
You can follow step-by-step instructions on how to contribute [here](#).

If you are a University, we would appreciate it if you could let us know how many people and who will participate. Please download and complete this form to register for the event, and kindly send the form to unggim.academicnetwork@gmail.com, indicating 'UN-GGIM Academic Network Mapathon 2022' in the subject of your email.

If you have any mapping question or you are interested in UN Mappers activities, feel free to reach out sending a mail to un.mappers@un.org.

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Join us here

<http://tiny.cc/UN-GGIM-Mapathon>

for mapping together, for questions
and for following progress of the
event.

Starting time:

6:00 UTC (8:00 CEST)

Ending time:

16:00 UTC (18:00 CEST)