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Summary**

In recent years, the world has seen a growing awareness of the importance of geospatial data and its web-based applications in business, decision-making, and organizing and updating geographical names. There has been a significant increase in the use of location-based services on the Internet and mobile communication devices. That means that everyone is directly connected to geospatial information via the web on a daily basis.

The national geospatial portal maintained by the Royal Jordanian Geographic Center was created to keep pace with the interactive use of geospatial technology on the web. It includes data and maps that can be used interactively by various sectors (spatial and descriptive) to support sustainable development, decision-making and future planning.

The geoportal, with its links to the geospatial database at the Royal Jordanian Geographic Center, is designed to be a source of spatial data, topographic base maps and geographical names. The goal is to standardize, organize and update such data and names at the domestic and international levels. That way, all entities and users use the same data, names and standards. That helps to improve communication and coordination for such purposes as maps, navigation and scientific research. The data on the geoportal from various parties and from the Center's own records are integrated to provide ministries, institutions and other stakeholders with required data via the web, based on a mutual agreement and in a manner that guarantees data confidentiality.

* [GEGN.2/2025/1](#).

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