

PC- IDEA now UN-GGIM Americas

On August 23, 2013, the Regional Committee of the UN Global Geospatial Information Management Americas (UN-GGIM Americas) was created. This new regional body replaces the Permanent Committee for Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas (PC-IDEA). This significant action was done in accordance with resolution seven, adopted at the 10th UN Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas at the UN Headquarters in New York.

The name change is in keeping with the regional body's renewed mandate to have increased, close cooperation and coordination with UN-GGIM. Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Acting-Director, United Nations Statistics Division in his opening statement at the 10th UN Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas noted that "the new regional committee will be aligned to the global architecture, which will better address regional and global challenges especially in the context of sustainable development and humanitarian assistance".

This decision is important in advancing the geospatial information management agenda and also enables the transition towards an integrated agenda, integrated within the region and between the regional and the global levels. The UN-GGIM Secretariat looks forward to supporting and working with the newly elected UN-GGIM Americas Executive and Board members.