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Amendments to the Statutes of UN-GGIM-AP

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Background

In accordance to the ECOSOC resolution adopted on 27 July 2016, UNRCC-AP was removed from the UN meeting calendar, UN-GGIM took over its mandates and obligations at the global level, and UN-GGIM-AP assumed its technical and substantive activities at the regional and national levels.

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The following parts of the Statutes are proposed to be amended accordingly.

- Article 2 Mandate and Authority
- Article 3 Aim
- Article 5 Objectives
- Article 6 Liaison with other International Organizations
- Article 10 Executive Board
- Article 11 Functions of Executive Board
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Article 2 Mandate and Authority

Given that the Economic and Social Council (ECOSCO) decided in July 2016 that the substantive mandates and obligations of UNRCC-AP shall be assumed by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UNCE-GGIM) at the global level, and their technical and substantive activities at the regional and national levels assumed by the Committee, the Committee shall operate under the purview of the UNCE-GGIM and submit its report as well as recommendations to the UNCE-GGIM.

~~Conference for Asia and the Pacific (UNRCC-AP) Bangkok 2012). The Committee shall operate under the purview of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (UNRCC-AP) and submit its report as well as recommendations to the Conference.~~



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Article 3 Aim

The Committee shall identify regional issues relevant to geospatial information management and take necessary actions on them for the furtherance of the discussions in ~~UNRCC-AP~~ the annual plenary meeting of the Committee, and thus contribute to the discussions in the UNCE-GGIM so that the economic, social and environmental benefits of geospatial information will be maximized in Asia and the Pacific region.



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Article 5 Objectives

The Committee shall endeavor to achieve the following objectives in the context of regional geospatial information management:

- To enhance the coordination and dialogue amongst national ~~surveying~~ cadastre and mapping organizations (NMCOs) and national geospatial information authorities (NGIAs) and national geospatial information authorities relevant to the region, and to promote the exchange of information and best practice among them.
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- To establish and promote standards, guidelines and frameworks that enable NCMOs and NGIAs of member countries to develop and reach a level of geospatial consistency and maturity.
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- To develop strategies and guidelines for the establishment of an authoritative source of geospatial information by NCMOs and NGIAs of the member countries.

As we have WG 4 on cadastre and land management, it would be more appropriate to use Cadastre here like what had been adopted by some countries in the past. Hence the acronym NCMO is used sequently.

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Article 6 Liaison with other International Organizations

In addition to reporting to ~~the UNRCC-AP and~~ the UNCE-GGIM the Committee shall also seek to establish links with other relevant United Nations programs and international bodies by actively participating in the international conferences and activities.



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Article 10 Executive Board

The Committee shall elect an Executive Board consisting of: The President, Two Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Others Members (up to nine)
The term of the Executive Board shall be ~~the period between United Nations Regional Cartographic conferences, currently about~~ three years.
The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Executive Board Members shall be elected **every three years** at **the triennial plenary meeting** of the Committee ~~meeting held in conjunction with the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (UNRCC-AP)~~. The President, Vice Presidents and Secretary may be re-elected, but shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in that office. In the case when a vacancy occurs in the Presidency during the period between **the triennial plenary UNRCC-AP** meetings, one of the Vice Presidents shall act in that capacity until the next Committee meeting, at which a President shall be elected. An Acting President shall be nominated by the country from which the current President has been appointed.

Article 10 Executive Board (continued)

In the case when a vacancy occurs in the Vice Presidency or Secretary during the period between ~~the triennial plenary UNRCC-AP~~ meetings the Executive Board may nominate a member of the Board to act in that capacity until the next Committee meeting. In the case when any other vacancy occurs in the Executive Board in the period between the ~~triennial plenary UNRCC-AP~~ meetings, the Executive Board, after consultation with the respective national member organizations, shall appoint a replacement from the same country if that country has someone available, and if not, then nominations will be sought from other member countries, as the replacement member to serve until the next ~~triennial plenary UNRCC-AP~~ meeting. Should more than one country become nominated to fill the vacancy, an election by the Committee will be held to determine the new Board member. Each Working Group shall, where possible, be chaired by a member of the Executive Board, but if this is not the case then Chairs of Working Groups will be ex-officio members of the Executive Board, and become an addition to the defined Executive Board positions.

Article 11 Functions of Executive Board

The functions and responsibilities of the Executive Board shall be to:

- Plan and coordinate the Committee work program between plenary sessions of the Committee;
- Plan and manage the activities that the Committee undertakes for ~~the UNRCC-AP and~~ the UN-GGIM in consultation with the United Nations;
- Manage the continuing administrative affairs of the Committee;
- Make recommendations on objectives, activities and work programs to the Committee;
- Coordinate funding proposals to aid agencies;
- Prepare and submit reports on activities of the Committee to ~~the UNRCC-AP,~~ the UNCE-GGIM and relevant international bodies;
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Article 14 Occurrence of Meetings

The Committee shall meet once per year at the Committee plenary. Attendance should comprise country delegations led by the Committee member, technical advisers and invited observers. The key elements of the meetings would be: report from the Executive Board, Working Group progress reports and plans, reports from related international organizations, Working Group technical meetings, and workshop or seminar on particular topics. At every third plenary meeting of the Committee, the Executive Board shall report on the activities over the last three-year term; the existing Working Groups shall be renewed or concluded; and the Executive Board members including the Bureau members as well as Working Group Chairs shall be elected.



resolving... board, providing a written report as the basis for the review.

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Rule 26

Any procedural matter arising at the meetings of the Committee which is not covered by these rules of procedure shall be settled in accordance with the rules applicable to the ~~UNCE-GGIM-United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific.~~



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