UN-GGIM - World Academic Network

http://unggim.academicnetwork.org/
UN-GGIM Americas

- Initiative of Prof. Bheshem Ramlal.
- After conversations with multiple academic members in the region, with the support of Prof. Daniel Páez.
- Proposed to UN-GGIM Americas:
  - Support the Formation of a task team to develop the ANA (Academic Network Americas).
  - Request the Task force to prepare ToR.
• Daniel Del Cogliano - Universidad de La Plata, Argentina.
• Daniel Páez - Universidad de los Andes, Colombia.
• Bheshem Ramlal – University of The West Indies, Trinidad y Tobago.
• Jorge Prado, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.
• Rosario Casanova - Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
Virtual Meetings

First virtual meeting:
- Over 35 live participants.
- Allowed constitution of the Workforce.

Second virtual meeting:
- Discuss main ideas of ToR.
- Invitation to the UN-GGIM Americas Meeting.
Process

Comments and reviewing

Inclusion of Comments

07-08 /2017

Proposal of Committees of ANA

Final TOR
Objectives:

Support aims and objectives of the UN-GGIM Americas.

Facilitate access to research and education - producing knowledge (region's languages).

Be a subsidiary of the UN-GGIM World Academic Network.
• **Academic advice**: involving strategic knowledge, research, education and training in geospatial information management.

  • Elaborate **academic strategies** according to the UN-GGIM Americas Plan of Action.

• **Advise** on UN-GGIM capacity building programs in the Americas region.

  • **Identify and inform** UN-GGIM concerning gaps in academic knowledge or problems that may exist or arise, and propose initiatives, when appropriate, to address such challenges.
• **Serve as subsidiary**, linking World view with Americas needs.

• **Identify the challenges and opportunities** in which UN-GGIM World Academic Network and UN-GGIM Academic Network Americas can promote inclusion based on an academic response.

• **Translate important documents** from the World Network (Spanish, Portuguese, and French when appropriate).
• **Forum** of dialogue for academics and researchers of GIM community, focused on topics of interest of UN-GGIM Americas.

• **Build activities** in common with the different centers member.

• **Promote links** with the UN-GGIM Americas Private Sector Network.
• Create an inventory of leading education programs and recommend them to UN-GGIM stakeholders.

• Encourage countries in the Americas to undertake research and academic work that contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and other areas related to the UN-GGIM Americas specific agenda.

• Encourage the development and sharing of geospatial analytical tools and technologies in the Americas.
Organization:

- **Executive Committee**
  - Chair
  - Deputy Chair
  - Secretary

- **Advisory Board**
  - 4 Members

Decide on the management of ANA and coordinate tasks.

Define general guidelines, membership applications and academic actions.
WHO?

Universities, academic institutions, and research centers

Person affiliated (faculty, researcher, administrator, student, etc.)

HOW?

Members of the UN-NGGIM World Academic Network

Apply through an online application form

Free of charge
Indicators of success:

**Annual Number of:**

- members involved (members and affiliates)
- universities/research centers answering the questionnaire.
- ANA representatives attending UN-GGIM meetings
- academic activities promoted by ANA.
Proposed Activities: Phase 1

Reviewing the current UN-GGIM WGs’ work plan to identify areas that may need support.

Promoting America’s Network to potential member institutions.

Meeting in Cartagena, Colombia as part of the FIG Commission 7 Conference and Annual Meeting – 4 to 8 December 2017.

www.FIG717.net
FIG Annual meeting
Proposed Activities: Phase 2

Survey of demands and needs of training courses – UN-GGIM Americas’ Members

Survey of current offers of degree and postgraduate programs, training courses, etc

Survey resources to give possibilities to make regional training
Proposed Activities: Phase 3

Discuss the possibility of a Regional School of Geospatial Information Management.

• Joint courses that satisfy the needs of UN-GGIM Americas and Academic Global Network.
• Accreditation: Regional Universities.
• Join researchers of areas in common.
• Postgraduate degree.
Thank you