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PCGIAP now UN-GGIM-AP

On November 1, 2012, the Regional Committee of the UN Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) was created. This new regional body replaces the Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (PCGIAP). This significant action was done in accordance with a resolution adopted at the 19th UN Regional Cartographic conference for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok.

The name change is in keeping with the regional body's renewed mandate to have increased, close cooperation and coordination with UN-GGIM. President of UN-GGIM-AP, Dr Li Pengde noted that "the new committee will renew and strengthen their efforts by aligning the unique needs and interest of Asia and the Pacific with the UN-GGIM initiative." He continued by saying that, "I believe that such efforts will significantly contribute to the furtherance of UN-GGIM and to the benefits of the growing geospatial community."

The UN-GGIM Secretariat welcomes this resolution and the new UN-GGIM-AP Executive and Board members. It is hoped that this decision will send a positive signal to other regions in Europe, the Americas, Africa and the Middle East to consider creating similar UN-GGIM regional mechanisms.