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## ACTIVITIES REPORT UN-GGIM: AMERICAS

1. UN-GGIM: Americas organized, in coordination with AmeriGEO, the AmeriGEO Week from September 7 to 11, 2020. During that week, three virtual meetings were convened: a) *Symposium of the Americas* - September 7 and 8; b) *UN-GGIM: Americas/AmeriGEO Joint Session*- September 9; c) *Seventh Session of UN-GGIM: Americas Regional Committee* September 10 and 11. The session was attended by one hundred and twenty-eight (128) participants representing delegates from 27 countries of the Americas. A major outcome from the joint meeting is the [Aguascalientes Declaration](#) which encourages collaboration among regional bodies on the use of earth observation, geospatial, statistical and other information in the Americas. Another major outcome was the creation of the Inter-American Academy of Geosciences and Applications.
2. At its Seventh Session, UN-GGIM: Americas, approved through resolution 2020/6 paragraph b, the creation of a new working group on the Geodetic Reference Framework for the Americas (WG-GRFA).
3. Central America Project - The activities of the project have focused on supporting decision makers in Central America with their response to COVID-19.
4. CARIGEO Initiative - As next steps, CARIGEO aims to: 1. Secure funding from interested partners, 2. Formalize the commitment of the participants, 3. Implement communication strategies, 4. Implement specific projects, and 5. Monitor and evaluate the results. A series of webinars is being organized for 2021 as part of its capacity building component, the first will be at the Statistical Conference for the Americas on 8 April followed by one on the Caribbean Geoportal also in April.
5. Statistical and Geospatial Framework for the Americas (MEGA) Project - Version 2.0 of the MEGA will begin this year with the elaboration of a diagnosis that will allow identifying the new themes and geographical levels, responding to relevant regional issues.
6. SDI dashboard 2021 - The coordinator of the WG-SDI of the Committee will apply (March) the annual survey to diagnose the current state of the SDI in the region. The dashboard provides an annual status on SDI for the region and comparison across years can be done. Based on the results of the diagnosis, workshops and seminars will be promoted to serve as support for regional [SDIs](#).

### Committee participation in virtual 2021 meetings

7. In collaboration with ECLAC and Geospatial Media, the Committee organized a virtual round table called “Advancing role of Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure in World Economy, Society and Environment” that was held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### Next Events

8. An informative meeting of the Committee will be held on March 16, 2021 to know the work plans 2021 of the working groups and main activities and status of the projects.
9. UN-GGIM: Americas and the Locus Charter initiative will organize a webinar on *Ethics in the Use of Geographical Information in the Americas* to be held on March 22, 2021 This webinar will feature a presentation of the Locus Charter and a panel composed of representatives of UN-GGIM: Americas discussing the ethical and responsible uses of location data in their countries.

10. UN-GGIM: Americas/AmeriGEO Working Groups have weekly meetings in order to develop a Joint Action Plan 2021 document which will lay the foundations on the joint activities between the regional organizations.

11. The Eighth Session of UN-GGIM: Americas will be held on November 17-19, 2021 in a virtual format. This year the processes of nomination of candidates and selection of the new authorities to the different positions of the Bureau will be carried out. The Member State representatives who are elected will take office at the end of the Eighth Session.

For more information, please visit <http://www.un-ggim-americas.org/>

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