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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Jamaica	
<i>Statement:</i> Jamaica welcomes and takes note of the report of the UN-GGIM Regional Committee for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas) and offers commendations for the significant body of work, progress made and achievements accomplished during the period. Jamaica recognizes the significant achievements of UN-GGIM: Americas with the MEGA project, the Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative (CARIGEO) and the newly designed website administered by INEGI, Mexico. Jamaica is pleased to have supported the MEGA project and remains committed to serving on the Steering Committee of the CARIGEO initiative to promote the use and exchange of statistical and geospatial information that supports national and regional sustainable development. Jamaica applauds UN-GGIM: Americas for recognizing the need to support greater awareness, knowledge transfer and use of geospatial technologies in response to COVID-19 among Member States, by forging collaborations with the UN-GGIM Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters (UN-GGIM WG Disasters) and other partners, in hosting the 2020 Virtual Geospatial Summit, on “GIS Response to COVID-19”, held on April 8, 2020. Additionally, the significant support provided for the Virtual Jamaica COVID-19 Geospatial Forum under the theme “Mapping COVID-19, opportunities for the future” on May 28, 2020. As Co-chairs of the Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters (UN-GGIM WG Disasters), with Japan, Jamaica appreciates the efforts of UN-GGIM: Americas and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in promoting the Strategic Framework and the Assessment tool. Commendations are extended for the hosting of the “Implementing the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters in the Americas” webinar held on August 4, 2020, with the support of UN-GGIM WG Disasters, in line with principles of collaboration and cooperation for disaster risk management. Jamaica remains fervent in supporting initiatives of UN-GGIM: Americas that facilitate the strengthening of geospatial information and looks forward to supporting the upcoming Seventh Virtual Session of UN-GGIM: Americas and the joint AmeriGEO/UN-GGIM: Americas session scheduled for September 2020.	
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