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Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda (for discussion and decision)

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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 and associated accomplishments for the period, under the continued leadership of Mexico.

Jamaica recognizes the significant achievements of UN-GGIM: Americas through the Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative (CARIGEO) and remains committed to serving on its Steering Committee, to promote the use and exchange of statistical and geospatial information that supports national and regional sustainable development.

Jamaica is now honoured and committed to serving as a UN-GGIM: Americas' representative on the recently established High Level Group (HLG) on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), as we seek to foster greater awareness and promote its global implementation.

In line with principles of collaboration and cooperation for disaster risk management, Jamaica as Co-chairs of the Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters (UN-GGIM WG Disasters) with Japan, appreciates the partnerships forged with UN-GGIM: Americas and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). These collaborations continue to promote the Strategic Framework, towards the geospatial strengthening of DRM initiatives within the region. Commendations are extended for the hosting of the CARIGEO Geoportal Webinar 2021 series. Jamaica is pleased to have been afforded the opportunity to support the building of greater awareness and utilization of this highly relevant solution-driven geospatial platform via these webinars.

Jamaica congratulates UN-GGIM: Americas for its partnership with AmeriGEO in successfully hosting the AmeriGEO Week (September 7 - 11, 2020), and the signing of the noble "Aguascalientes Declaration, better together: Geospatial Information for decision making in the Americas". Jamaica supports this regional initiative that will strengthen and improve the use of earth observation (EO), geospatial, statistical and other information to support national development priorities, through collaborations forged among regional bodies within the Americas. As such, Jamaica looks forward to representing UN-GGIM WG Disasters in collaborations forged with UN-GGIM: Americas' WG Disasters and AmeriGEO towards successfully executing this initiative.

Jamaica commends UN-GGIM: Americas for its continued commitment to the implementation of the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters. This was evidenced through encouraging the completion of the globally administered Assessment Survey 2020 by its Member States. Additionally, evidenced by the invitation extended to the UN-GGIM WG Disasters to present the implementation status findings for the region during the Seventh Session of UN-GGIM: Americas (September 2020).

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Jamaica remains fervent in its support of UN-GGIM: Americas' initiatives that facilitate the strengthening and utilization of geospatial information. Finally, Jamaica looks forward to supporting the upcoming Eighth Session of UN-GGIM: Americas and the joint AmeriGEO/UN-GGIM: Americas session scheduled for November 2021.

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