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Information Management**

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**Global geodetic reference frame  
(for discussion and decision)**

<i>Statement provided by:</i> UN-GGIM: Americas	
<i>Statement:</i> The UN-GGIM Regional Committee for the Americas: Takes note of the report of the Subcommittee on Geodesy and thanks and congratulates the members for the excellent work done to grow the critical understanding and importance of the GGRF. Considers the Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) a key document to sustain and enhance the GGRF. In this regard, the Regional Committee has recently established the Geodetic Reference Frame for the Americas Working Group (GRFA) to support the Nations of the Americas in response to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution entitled “A Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development” (A/RES/69/266). At this moment the GRFA is working on a Regional Resolution to support some of the focus areas introduced in the Position Paper. Recognizes the urgent need to generate an additional mechanism to sustain the GGRF, such as the Global Geodetic Center of Excellence (GGCE), to strengthen the geodetic infrastructure and train human resources, focusing the activities on regions with developing countries. Takes note of the Subcommittee’s intention to convene its third plenary meeting in 2022 when global conditions permit.	
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