

Twelfth Session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

Meeting of UN-GGIM: Américas

Thursday, 4 August 2022 1:30 pm - 2:55 pm Venue: Conference Room A (CR-A Conference Building) United Nations Headquarters, New York

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), established by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), is the formal intergovernmental mechanism to discuss, improve and coordinate the availability and use of geospatial information at the global level, through the participation of the Member States of the United Nations. As part of strengthening regional work on geospatial information, in August 2013, the Regional Committee for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas) was created, replacing the Standing Committee on Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas (CP-IDEA). This significant action was carried out with the mandate to enhance cooperation and coordination at the global to region level with UN-GGIM. As such, UN-GGIM Americas aligns with the global architecture of UN-GGIM and works to address regional and global challenges, especially in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

In determining the relevant regional issues for the management of geospatial information, UN-GGIM: Americas undertakes the necessary measures to maximize the economic, social and environmental benefits that arise from its use. In facilitating dialogue and the sharing of knowledge and experiences among Member States, UN-GGIM Americas is leading efforts to promote the establishment of Geospatial Data Infrastructures in the Americas and other national initiatives, in addition to contributions to debates at the global level.

Objective

This meeting on the margins of the twelfth session of UN-GGIM seeks to enhance the interaction between the Member States of the Regional Committee to:

- Exchange and discuss challenges and expectations of the UN-GGIM: Americas working groups, networks and initiatives;
- Provide an overview of collaborative efforts to execute the workplans of its regional working groups, networks and initiatives;
- Seek agreement on the expected progress of the UN-GGIM Americas workplan by November 2022, to enable their presentation at the next session of the UN-GGIM Americas.

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Provisional Agenda (all times in pm)

First Part		
	Welcome remarks	
01:30-01:35	Ms Sofía Nilo, President UN-GGIM Americas	
	Open discussion on the situation of the countries/regional focal points in relation to their IDE/UN-GGIM work programs, their challenges and needs.	
01:35 - 02:05	Moderator: Alvaro Monett Technical Secretariat UN-GGIM: Americas	
Second Part		
02:05-02:10	Guidelines for the UN-GGIM Americas Work Program 2022-2025 Pamela Castillo, Executive Secretary UN-GGIM: Americas	
02:10-02:40	Open discussion on how the different instances of UN-GGIM: Americas can implement the regional work program, to meet global and national expectations on strengthening geospatial information management. Moderator: Alvaro Monett Technical Secretariat UN-GGIM: Americas	
02:40-02:50	Summary and Conclusions Ms Pamela Castillo, Executive Secretary UN-GGIM: Americas	
02:50-02:55	Final remarks and closure Sofía Nilo, President UN-GGIM Americas	

To register your interest in attending the meeting of UN-GGIM Americas, please contact:

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