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UNITED NATIONS INITIATIVE ON
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Academic Network Americas - ANA

UN-GGIM Americas Meeting

August 2, 2017

UN-GGIM - World Academic Network



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- Initiative of Prof Bheshem Ramlal.
- After conversations with multiple academic members in the region, with the support of Prof. Daniel Páez.
- Proposed to UN-GGIM Americas:
 - Support the Formation of a task team to develop the ANA (Academic Network Americas).
 - Request the Task force to prepare ToR.

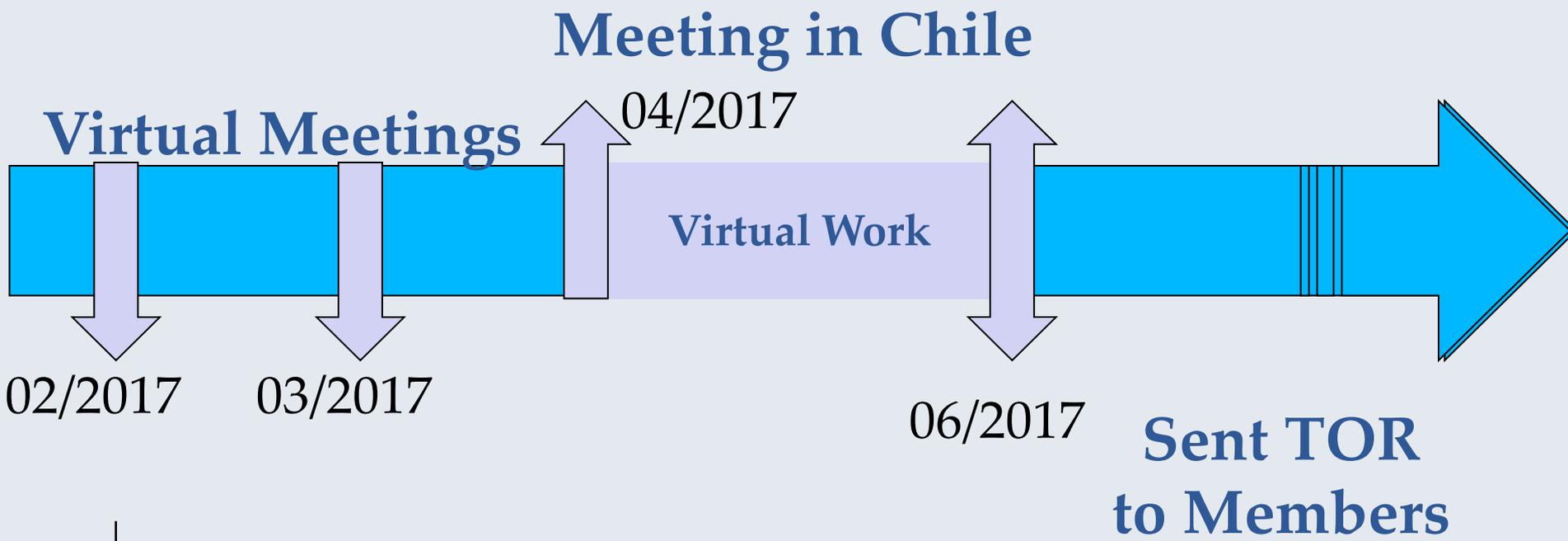


Taskforce

- Daniel Del Cogliano - Universidad de La Plata, **Argentina**.
- Daniel Páez - Universidad de los Andes, **Colombia**.
- Bheshem Ramlal – University of The West Indies, **Trinidad y Tobago**.
- Jorge Prado, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de **México**.
- Rosario Casanova - Universidad de la República, **Uruguay**.



Process



First virtual meeting:

- Over 35 live participants.
- Allowed constitution of the Workforce.

Second virtual meeting:

- Discuss main ideas of ToR.
- Invitation to the UN-GGIM Americas Meeting.



Process



Terms of Reference:

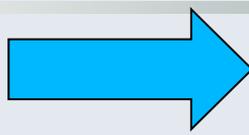
Objectives:

Support aims and objectives of the UN-GGIM Americas.

Facilitate access to research and education - producing knowledge (region's languages).

Be a subsidiary of the UN-GGIM World Academic Network.





- **Academic advice:** involving strategic knowledge, research, education and training in geospatial information management.
 - Elaborate **academic strategies** according to the UN-GGIM Americas Plan of Action.
- **Advise** on UN-GGIM capacity building programs in the Americas region.
 - **Identify and inform** UN-GGIM concerning gaps in academic knowledge or problems that may exist or arise, and **propose initiatives**, when appropriate, to address such challenges.



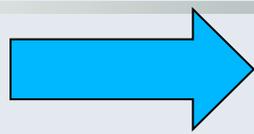
Functions:



UN-GGIM World Academic Network

- Serve as **subsidiary**, linking World view with Americas needs.
 - **Identify the challenges and opportunities** in which UN-GGIM World Academic Network and UN- GGIM Academic Network Americas can promote inclusion based on an academic response.
- **Translate** important **documents** from the World Network
(Spanish, Portuguese, and French when appropriate).





- **Forum** of dialogue for academics and researchers of GIM community, focused on topics of interest of UN-GGIM Americas.
 - **Build activities** in common with the different centers member.
- **Promote links** with the UN-GGIM Americas Private Sector Network.

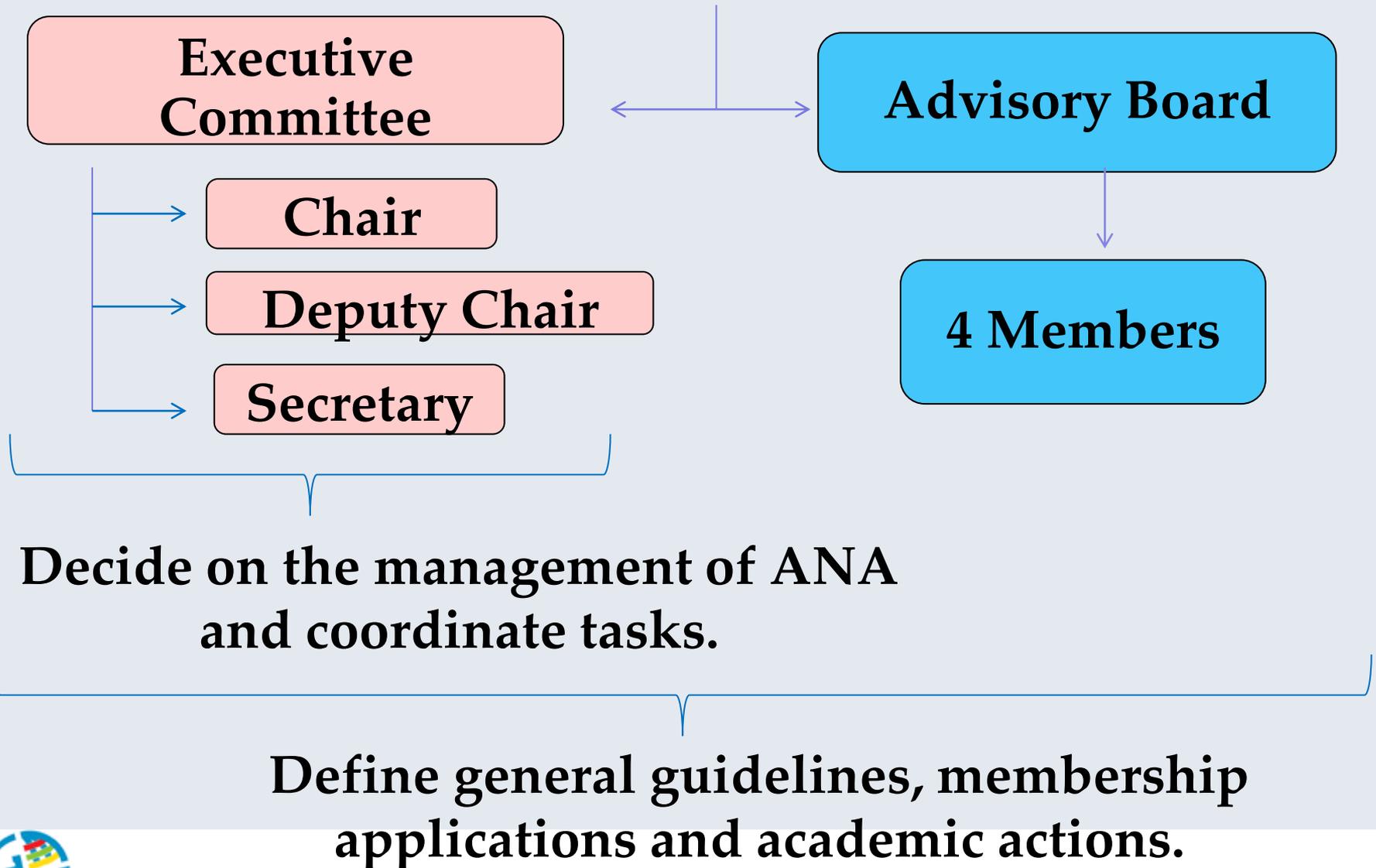
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- **Create an inventory of leading education programs** and recommend them to UN-GGIM stakeholders.
 - **Encourage countries** in the Americas to **undertake research and academic work** that contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and other areas related to the UN-GGIM Americas specific agenda.
- **Encourage the development and sharing** of geospatial analytical tools and technologies in the Americas.



Organization:



Membership:

WHO ?

**Universities,
academic
institutions, and
research centers**

**Person affiliated
(faculty, researcher,
administrator,
student, etc.)**

**Members of the UN-GGIM
World Academic Network**

HOW ?

**Apply through an
online
application form**

Free of charge



Indicators of success:

Annual Number of:

members involved
(members and affiliates)

universities/research
centers answering the
questionnaire.

ANA representatives
attending UN-GGIM
meetings

academic activities promoted
by ANA.



Proposed Activities:

Phase 1

Reviewing the current UN-GGIM WGs' work plan to identify areas that may need support.

Promoting America's Network to potential member institutions.

Meeting in Cartagena, Colombia as part of the FIG Commission 7 Conference and Annual Meeting – 4 to 8 December 2017.

www.FIG717.net

FIG Annual meeting



Proposed Activities: Phase 2

Survey of demands and needs of training courses – UN-GGIM Americas' Members

Survey of current offers of degree and postgraduate programs, training courses, etc

Survey resources to give possibilities to make regional training



Proposed Activities: Phase 3

Discuss the possibility of a **Regional School of Geospatial Information Management.**

- Joint courses that satisfy the needs of UN-GGIM Americas and Academic Global Network.
- Accreditation: Regional Universities.
- Join researchers of areas in common.
- Postgraduate degree.



Thank you

