

Santiago, Chile, 6 June, 2025 UN-GGIM: Americas

Subject: Official communication regarding the election process for the UN-GGIM: Americas Board of Directors for the 2025–2029 term

Dear Delegates,

Warm greetings.

Through this letter, the President of UN-GGIM: Americas, on behalf of the Board of Directors, informs the Member States of the United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas) about the procedure for the election of the new Board of Directors for the 2025–2029 term.

The positions to be elected are as follows, with their functions and responsibilities detailed in the Committee's Statutes:

- President
- Vice President
- Executive Secretary*
- Vocal for North America
- Vocal for Central America
- Vocal for the Caribbean
- Vocal for South America

*It should be noted that the country assuming the presidency must designate a person to serve as the Executive Secretary of UN-GGIM: Americas.

The nomination process will begin on **Friday August 15**, 2025, and will run until **Friday**, **August 29 at 11:00 AM (GMT -4).** Applications must be submitted by the national focal points by designating a person for the position, supported by an **official institutional letter** signed by the highest authority of the respective entity. **The application must be sent to the Executive Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Americas at the email address** pcastillo@mbienes.cl.

This process will be conducted in a **transparent and public** manner, with information available on the <u>UN-GGIM</u>: <u>Americas website</u>, and in accordance with the provisions of the Committee's Statutes.

There are two possible scenarios considered for this process:

Scenario 1: Single candidacy per position

If only one application is received per position, a communication will be sent to Member States on Monday, September 8, attaching the list of candidacies. A 72-hour silence period will then begin, during which objections may be submitted. In the absence of objections by 9:00 AM (GMT -4) on Thursday, September 11, the candidacies will be considered approved by consensus.

Scenario 2: Multiple candidacies per position

If more than one application is received for a single position, a **virtual vote** will be held, also for a **72-hour** period, beginning on **Monday, September 8** and closing on **Thursday, September 11 at 9:00 AM (GMT -4).**

Finally, on Tuesday, **September 30**, the Executive Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Americas will send an official communication to Member States, announcing the composition of the new Board of Directors, which will be formally recognized during the Twelfth Session of UN-GGIM: Americas, to be held in Santiago, Chile from **November 5 to 7, 2025.**

Without further ado, I thank you in advance for your attention and active participation in this important process.

Warm regards,

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