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Pamela Castillo Retamales,
Executive Secretary,
UN-GGIM: Americas,
Santiago de Chile

Dear Mrs. Castillo,

Subject: Jamaica Nomination for Caribbean Vocal to UN-GGIM: Americas Board of Directors (2025 - 2029)

Reference is made to the official communication dated June 6, 2025, received from Mrs. Sofia Nilo Crisostomo, President of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management Regional Committee for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas), informing the Member States of the Americas about the procedure for electing the new Board of Directors for the 2025-2029 term.

On behalf of the Government of Jamaica, through the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC), we write to formally nominate and endorse **Ms. Simone M. Lloyd, Senior GIS Manager & Trainer**, within the National Spatial Data Management Branch (NSDMB) and alternate Jamaica focal point to UN-GGIM, to serve a new term as *Caribbean Vocal to the UN-GGIM: Americas Board of Directors*. This nomination is within the framework of the election process for the new Executive Board (2025 - 2029).

Ms. Lloyd was previously duly elected and has been successfully serving as Caribbean Vocal from 2021 to 2025. During this period, Ms. Lloyd has effectively executed the duties of Caribbean Vocal, inclusive of chairing the Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative (CARIGEO) Steering Committee. Within her role as Caribbean Vocal and Chair of CARIGEO, Ms. Lloyd has successfully performed expected duties and co-led notable ratifications and projects as detailed in the table below:

Critical projects & initiatives (top three)

Initiative/ Project	Concrete outcomes & evidence of impact
UN-IGIF roll-out in the Caribbean (via CARIGEO)	Chaired the CARIGEO Steering Committee and coordinated Working Groups. Delivered national IGIF capacity-building (starting with Trinidad & Tobago) and queued support for Barbados and Jamaica.
Hurricane Beryl after-action & DRR knowledge transfer	Co-organized a regional webinar on lessons from Hurricane Beryl with relevant UN-GGIM bodies and partners. Captured country inputs and translated them into follow-up activities (training, guidance, and coordination touchpoints) for Caribbean Member States.
International Charter training & operational readiness	Coordinated user/project manager onboarding and a Charter Mapper session with national disaster actors (e.g., ODPEM/NERGIST), improving readiness for hurricane activations and standardizing tasking/usage workflows across the region.

Ratifications & formal decisions supported:

- **UN-GGIM: Americas Eleventh Session (Mexico City, 2024)** — contributed to the session’s resolutions and the 2025 regional work plan; coordinated Caribbean participation and side-event logistics.
- **Annual regional work plans (2024–2025)** — advised, coordinated, and monitored the Regional Committee’s plans; ensured CARIGEO work-plan components (webinars, workshops, training) were adopted and tracked.

The Ministry is therefore confident that Ms. Lloyd will continue to effectively represent and advocate for the geospatial development and advancement of Caribbean Member States, whilst achieving the regional geospatial information management mandate and responsibilities of UN-GGIM: Americas. The Ministry welcomes receiving your acknowledgement of this nomination within the framework of the election process for the 2025 - 2029 Executive Board of UN-GGIM: Americas. Additionally, we welcome receiving official communication advising of the outcomes of the election process.

Sincerely,



Arlene Williams (Mrs.)
Permanent Secretary