Benefits of PC-IDEA Membership

- Participate, network and partner with government, private sector, academic, professional and non-profit organizations through PC-IDEA meetings and conferences
- Contribute to and benefit from regional SDI news, knowledge, projects and programmes
- Advocate at the global level, on behalf of members, on issues impacting SDI development
- Contribute to and learn from the creation of technical, institutional and policy recommendations and SDI best practices
- Access to opportunities for capacity development

Some Achievements of 2009-2013 term

- Implementation of a capacity building observatory to give access to the existing courses and to receive the existing demand
- Preparation of the Capacity Building Plan for the Americas
- Definition of the core standards and specifications for the Americas
- Preparation of the Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) Manual for the Americas, including a chapter on the social and economic impacts of SDI and a glossary in four languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese and French)
- Preparation of a study related to the institutional models of National Mapping Agencies and of those responsible for National SDI, identifying weaknesses and strengths
- Development of a new website including a discussion forum and a SDI observatory
- Prepared, printed and circulated "Diagnosis on relevant topics of geospatial information management and development of spatial data infrastructure - SDI in countries of the Americas"

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The committee was established on February 29, 2000, pursuant to Resolution #3 of the 6th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas UNRCC-A (1997).

The Permanent Committee operates under the purview of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for the Americas and submits its recommendations and respective activity reports to them.

The Purpose

To maximize the economic, social and environmental benefits derived from the use of Geospatial Information through knowledge transfer and the exchange of experiences and technologies between the countries, based on common standards, which would allow the establishment of the Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas.

Objectives of PC-IDEA

PC-IDEA implements the resolutions of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for the Americas, which are held every 4 years. The next conference will be held in NY from August 19-23, 2013

The main objectives are, to:
- Establish and coordinate policies and technical standards for the development of regional spatial data infrastructure in the Americas
- Give priority to promoting the establishment and development of national spatial data infrastructures of each of the members of the PC-IDEA
- Promote the interoperability of information and systems among member countries, through the use of standards;
- Encourage the sharing of geospatial information among all members of the community of the Americas, respecting their autonomy, according to their national laws and policies

- Stimulate cooperation, research, complementation and exchange experiences in areas of knowledge related to geospatial data infrastructure
- Advise in the drafting of guidelines and strategies
- To support PC-IDEA member countries in developing geospatial information, considering the individual needs of each country
- Set priorities for information sharing, considering the regulatory framework of each member country and
- Promote geospatial data infrastructure training activities and technology transfer

Membership and Representation

Members of the Permanent Committee are countries in the Americas that express their willingness to be part of PC-IDEA. The countries are represented by the heads of the official national agencies in charge of geospatial data management or their designated representatives.

The Permanent Committee elects from among its members an Executive Board consisting of:
- A President
- A Vice President
- An Executive Secretary
- Four Vocal members

Each of these Vocal members preferably represents one of the four American sub regions, namely North America, Central America, the Caribbean Islands and South America.

Member Countries

Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela

The statute of the committee is available at:
http://www.cp-idea.org/documentos/Statute_PCIDEA_maio2011_final_eng.pdf

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