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

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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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: