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INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



AMERIGEO – UNGGIM-Americas Joint Session 2020

Agenda (PROPOSAL)

09 September
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Background

The Regional Committee on Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM Americas) is a Regional Committee of the United Nations Group of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) with responsibility for determining relevant regional issues for the management of geospatial information, and based on the exchange of knowledge, experiences and technologies by the Member States, takes the necessary measures to maximize the economic, social and environmental benefits derived from its use. UN-GGIM Americas also works to establish links and mechanisms for cooperation with other related geospatial information programs and participates in conferences, forums and activities promoted by other international and regional organizations.

AmeriGEO is an initiative that seeks to promote collaboration and coordination among the GEO members in the American continent, “to realize a future wherein decisions and actions, for the benefit of the region, are informed by coordinated, comprehensive and sustained Earth observations and information”. The initiative seeks to strengthen the engagement of other Americas countries, and to work with the flagships to tailor their work to address regional needs, in particular, those from developing countries of the Americas;

Recognizing the potential of synergies, coordination, platforms and activities across both bodies, AmeriGEO Co-Chairs and the Board of Director of UNGGIM Americas, have agreed on working together to find common activities and goals to enhance the use of geospatial and EO in the region for impact.

Objective

The participants of the UN-GGIM Americas and AmeriGEO will held a joint virtual meeting to strengthen and improve collaboration between both bodies on the use of Earth Observation, geospatial and statistical information.

The meeting aims to identify common goals and activities that can be achieved through a strong collaboration and partnership between the two bodies. UNGGIM Americas and AmeriGEO members will work in advance to the joint session through working groups to identify those common goals and activities in three main dimensions: i) Communication, cooperation and and Coordination, ii) Capacity development and iii) Data,

Information and Knowledge Sharing. The outcomes of the working groups meetings will be shared with all the participants in the joint session on September 9, 2020.

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JOINT SESSION UN-GGIM Americas and AmeriGEO Wednesday 9 September 2020

Venue: Virtual (online)

14:00 - 14:20	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Opening remarks (Angelica Gutierrez and Paloma Merodi)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President UN-GGIM Americas• Américas Caucus and AmeriGEO Co-Chair2. Setting the scene (Ivan DeLoatch)
14:20 - 15:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Breakout Session - Working Group Recommendations (WG Chairs) <i>The objective of this session is for the working groups to report on their discussions reviewing the Joint Statement, which took place prior to this meeting to help generate agreed common principles for regional collaboration. This Joint Statement will outline potential work items that will facilitate efficient use of resources, reduce duplication of activities and increased partnerships across the Americas in the EO, geospatial and statistical space.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working Group – Communication, Cooperation and Coordination (Valrie Grant)• Working Group – Capacity Development (Rosario Casanova)• Working Group – Data, Information and Knowledge Sharing (Sergio Cimbaro)<i>Moderators for each working group. Sample discussion questions on page 2</i>
15:00 - 15:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Priorities and Strategic Projects (Open Discussion) <i>Based on the outcome from discussions in the symposium, this presentation and discussion session will share potential regional objectives, key strategic priorities and possible projects that should strengthen the use of EO, geospatial and statistical data in the Americas.</i> <i>Presenters from AmeriGEO and UNGGIM</i>
15:30-16:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Presentation and adoption of Joint Statement

Annex 1: Working Group Selection Process

Introduction: In light of the 2020 Joint UNGGIM-a/AmeriGEO session meeting virtually due to the current global climate, Working Groups will be established prior to this meeting to discuss specific topics of coordination between our organizations. These working Groups will be:

- 1) Communication, Cooperation and Coordination
- 2) Capacity Development
- 3) Data, Information and Knowledge Sharing

The intent of these Working Groups to allow the membership of both of these organizations an opportunity to influence the language drafted by the Joint Planning Committee.

Working Group Structure: These Working Groups will be comprised of representatives from both UNGGIM-A and AmeriGEO. Each organization shall nominate on “Co-Chair” for these Working Groups who will be responsible for facilitating these discussions. The nomination for the Co-Chairs and membership of these Working Groups shall be coordinated internally by the leadership of each organization.

Meeting Schedule: These meeting groups shall meet prior to the Joint Session. The Planning Committee is suggesting that the Working Groups meet during the summer months (minimum of 2 meetings) to discuss their respective topical area.

Presentation of Working Group Discussion: The Co-Chairs of these various Working Groups will be responsible for providing a summary of these discussions during the Joint Session. A brief report should be prepared and provided to the Planning Committee by August 21, 2020. During the Joint Session, the Co-Chairs will present a high-level summary of their discussions and final report. These presentations will then help inform the previously prepared Joint Statement and provide any language for improvement.

Working Group	Discussion Questions
Communication, Cooperation and Coordination (3Cs)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why should the region 3Cs? 2. What measures can be taken to strengthen 3Cs in the Americas among stakeholders? 3. Strengthening the increased participation from member states – meetings, working groups? 4. How can we better promote regional activities?
Capacity Development (CD)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are existing CD gaps in the region – technical, managerial, policy levels? 2. What are national CD priorities particularly developing countries in the region? 3. What measures can be taken at the regional level to strengthen training and education in use and management of EO and geospatial information?
Data, Information and Knowledge Sharing (DIKS)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the drivers for DIKS in the region? 2. Data sharing platforms- do they work, do we need them- (offerings, users, management and maintenance costs) 3. Identifying a shared vision for DIKS 4. What would a governance structure for DIKS in the Americas look like/be?