

The Regional Committee of the United Nations on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas:

1. Agreed that the formal UN Regional Cartographic Conference format was no longer a necessary requirement; recommended that ECOSOC consider removing the UN-RCCA from the UN calendar of conferences and meetings, with its mandates and obligations assumed by UN-GGIM at the global level, and its technical and substantive activities at the regional and national level assumed by UN-GGIM:Americas
2. In agreeing to the removal of the UN-RCCA, UN-GGIM:Americas resolved to put in place arrangements to continue addressing the cartographic agenda, using available mechanisms such as collaborating with PAIGH and the creation of sub-working groups.
3. Recognizing the need to continue with the capacity building of the region in the use of geospatial standards, The Executive Secretary of the Regional Committee will circulate the material of the Standards Course delivered to the Caribbean Countries on August 2015 by Open Geospatial Consortium, to all member states.
4. Acknowledging the labor made by El Salvador as coordinator of the Working Group on access and use of geospatial information in disaster risk reduction and climate change , the Committee takes note of the change of coordination of this working group; Sint Maarten is now responsible for directing the work program of this Working Group.
5. Recognizing the extensive work of the Working Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial the Committee agreed that KML, as an OGC standard, will be used as the standard to be used by the members of the Americas.
6. The Committee of the Americas members welcomed the reports of the five working groups and thanked its members for the work done during the intersessional period and encouraged the continued cooperation, collaboration in achieving the objectives of UN-GGIM:Americas.
 - 6.a In continuation of the work of the working groups, members who have not responded, are asked to respond the joined questionnaire, in order to complete the regional diagnosis on geospatial information management.
7. The Directive Board of UN-GGIM:Americas will work with the coordinators of the working groups to streamline annual reporting format in order to monitor the efforts made by the region in geospatial information management.
8. Acknowledging the labor made by El Salvador as Vocal for Central America, the Committee takes notes of the change of the Vocal Member to Costa Rica representing this region.
9. The Third Session of the Regional Committee of the United Nations on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas will be held in Mexico City in October 2016.