



## REPORT OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR GEOSPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE AMERICAS CP-IDEA

Venue: Windsor Barra Hotel, Rio de Janeiro  
Date/Time: 18 August 2011, 9 AM to 6 PM

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## Agenda

1. Opening, welcoming and agenda revision
2. Verification of quorum and adoption of agenda
3. General Reports
4. GGIM - ECOSOC
5. Presentation of activities carried out by GTplan
6. Introduction of guests
  - ◆ Global Map
  - ◆ Geosur
  - ◆ IPGH
7. Proposal of the Event on Natural Hazards and Disasters
8. Final Agreements and Closure

### **1. Opening, welcoming and agenda revision**

The CP-IDEA President gave a warm welcome to all present, noting the importance of the work being done. He mentioned that this was the first plenary session, which was made possible by the partnership with GIS Development, taking the opportunity of realization of the 1<sup>st</sup> Latin American Geospatial Forum.

CP-IDEA President stressed the importance of member participation at High Level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM) and at the meeting of the Committee of Experts on GGIM, which will be held 24-26 October 2011 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. He reported that the United Nations have sent invitations to its members through the countries` Permanent Mission of the United Nations in New York. The country's indication to the Formal Session for Creation of the Expert Committee to be held on October 26 PM should be made by

its Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Therefore, it is recommended that CP-IDEA members make the coordination necessary for the proper handling of the matter in their countries.

The President of the *Global Mapping Project* thanked CP-IDEA and Brazil, on behalf of the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, Mr. Paul Cheung, the work done towards the creation of GGIM.

The President also said it will take a joint effort of all members of the CP-IDEA to prepare a paper on "Challenges in Geospatial Policy Formulation and Institutional Arrangement" to be presented at the High Level Forum on GGIM. In this sense, the CP-IDEA Presidency will prepare a draft version that will be passed on to all for contribution.

## **2. Verification of quorum and adoption of agenda**

The Executive Secretary said that under the new statute passed recently, the quorum for the meeting (Article 29) is half plus one of the representatives. With the current composition of 24 (twenty four) countries, 13 delegates are enough.

Seventeen countries were present, therefore a quorum was met.

## **3. New business**

The President of CP-IDEA presented the Committee's activities from 2009 to 2011.

Topics mentioned:

- a) Current Committee composition and prospects for accession
- b) Board of Directors
- c) UN Resolutions (Aug. 2009)
- d) Work Plan 2010 - 2013
- e) Activities carried out from August 2009 to August 2011
- f) Partners and collaborators
- g) Requests for Funding

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## **4. GGIM - ECOSOC**

The President of CP-IDEA mentioned again the importance of what is happening in relation to the creation of the Management Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information, an initiative of the Statistics Division of the United Nations - UNSD, stressing that CP-IDEA countries should monitor and actively participate in this initiative.

It was informed that the ECOSOC (UN's Economic and Social Council) approved, at a meeting on 27 July 2011 in Geneva, the resolution establishing the Committee of Experts for a period of five years. This Committee shall be composed of national representatives formally nominated by the Member States and representatives of international institutions, the latter as observers. Two co-chairs shall be elected for the meetings of the Committee, which shall take place once a year.

The resolution can be accessed at: <http://ggim.un.org/docs/ECOSOC/E-2011-L53-Spanish.pdf> or <http://ggim.un.org/docs/ECOSOC/E-2011-L53-English.pdf>.

More information about the Forum in Seoul can be found at: <http://ggim.un.org/> and <http://www.unggim2011.org>.

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## **5. Presentation of activities carried out by GTplan**

The President presented the background to the creation of the Working Group on Planning - GTplan, considering the need to comply with Resolutions of the Ninth United Nations Regional 7th CP-IDEA Meeting – 18 August 2011

Cartographic Conference for the Americas. In this sense, a questionnaire was sent to CP-IDEA member countries in order to diagnose the current state of five themes in the region: Training, Rules and Standards, Best Practices, Innovations in Geographic/Cartographic Institutes, and SDI Development. The Coordinator showed the timeline for meeting deadlines and goals, and explained the methodology used.

To complete this item on the agenda, it was presented the first results from the questionnaire with the analysis of responses from nineteen countries, addressing and calling attention to strategic issues in the five blocks of subjects. This analysis demonstrated the need for countries to revise/complement the questionnaire responses.

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## **6. Introduction of guests**

The three guests spoke about their institutions and projects, existing partnerships with some of the countries present at the meeting and the future and potential partnerships with the CP-IDEA.

- ◆ Global Map - Prof. Fraser Taylor

He reaffirmed the request for support to CP-IDEA countries towards the development of Global Map version 2.0.

- ◆ Geosur - Mr. Eric Vaan Prag

Considering the interest of CP-IDEA and GeoSUR in providing geospatial information for the region, the intention of mutual support has been reaffirmed.

- ◆ PAIGH – Mr. Santiago Borrero

He congratulated CP-IDEA for its activities and recognized the importance of the GGIM initiative. It was mentioned the absence of various documents from previous administrations on the CP-IDEA website. The President of the Committee informed that appropriate action is being taken in this regard.

Mr. Borrero proposed a partnership between CP-IDEA and PAIGH to optimize the use of resources and take advantage of the expertise available in both organizations.

## **7. Proposal of the Event on Natural Disasters and Hazards**

It was presented and discussed the proposal for an event addressing the applications of Spatial Data Infrastructure - SDI to manage natural disasters and hazards, planned as one of the CP-IDEA actions for the 2009-2013 period.

The President of CP-IDEA suggested it should happen in August 2012, during the next Latin American Geospatial Forum in Rio de Janeiro.

For this purpose Colombia, Peru and Canada will be in charge of developing the technical program of the event.

## **8. Final Agreements and Closure**

Seventeen recommendations were agreed:

### **Recommendations from the 7<sup>th</sup> CP-IDEA Meeting**

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| 1 | CP-IDEA members welcomed the resolution of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) that creates the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM). |
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2	It is recommended that countries follow up on invitations sent by the United Nations to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of each country to participate in the delegations attending the Global Forum in Korea.
3	It is recommended that the training plan being prepared by GTplan include a short-term component with courses already in place in countries.
4	The training plan should also include courses for English-speaking countries.
5	It is important that countries review the glossary that will be included in the GTplan report related to Best Practices.
6	It is recommended that the GTplan include in the standards report information on initiatives to translate ISO and OGC standards from English to Spanish.
7	Countries are called to contribute in the presentation for the Global Forum in Korea on institutional arrangements and policies. This work should include the institutional role of each country's institution with respect to geospatial information, including the specific role of the National Institutes of Cartography.
8	CP-IDEA recognizes the excellent work done by the Executive Secretariat and GTplan, especially with respect to the preparation, publication and preliminary analysis of the 2011 questionnaire.
9	Member countries will review and supplement the questionnaire answers. For that the Executive Secretariat will send them by August 26, 2011, in Excel format, the responses received until this meeting. Countries are required to submit to the CP-IDEA's Executive Secretariat the reviewed responses no later than September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2011. From the new final version of the responses received from countries, GTplan will perform the qualitative and quantitative analysis that will become the input to the final report for the Global Forum in October.
10	The GTplan will send to CP-IDEA countries the information to access and make use of the virtual platform PBworks no later than August 26, 2011.
11	Those at GTplan responsible for the theme of technology will examine alternatives to develop a virtual meeting with member countries on the final report of the questionnaire of the Global Forum in Korea.
12	The request for support from CP-IDEA countries for the development of version 2.0 of Global Map was ratified.
13	The potential for collaboration between the GEOSUR Program and CP-IDEA activities was ratified.
14	The Secretary General of PAIGH noted the importance of incorporating in CP-IDEA's website documents produced in the past, related to the management of the CP-IDEA initiative. In addition, he proposed partnership between CP-IDEA and PAIGH to optimize use of resources and take advantage of the expertise available in both organizations.
15	It was approved the realization of an event on SDI application for the management of natural disasters and hazards for the Latin American Geospatial Forum to be held in Rio de Janeiro in August 2012. For this purpose Colombia, Peru and Canada are responsible for developing the technical program of the event.
16	Organizers of the 2011 Latin American Geospatial Forum are acknowledged for the facilities granted to the CP-IDEA meeting.
17	The next meeting of the CP-IDEA is scheduled to take place during the Global Forum on GGIM in October 2011.

The President of PC-IDEA expressed his satisfaction with the results of the work and requested that the activities follow the deadlines. The meeting was adjourned.

