



MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR GEOSPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE AMERICAS PC-IDEA

Venue: KINTEX Convention Center – Seoul, South Korea

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Agenda:

1. Opening/Quorum
2. Discussion of the Forum conclusions
3. Discussion on the results of the questionnaire
4. General Issues

Development:

1. Opening/Quorum

The PC-IDEA President gave a warm welcome and noted the importance of the work being done. He thanked those present for participating in a meeting after the business hour, especially in a week of hard work. He pointed out that this was a unique opportunity to hold a plenary session as many of the members were in Seoul for the Global Forum.

The Executive Secretary read out the agenda and submitted it to approval. She reported that the meeting would not be deliberative as the minimum quorum had not been reached - thirteen countries are needed for that and only eleven were represented.

2. Discussion of the Forum conclusions

PC-IDEA President presented a short summary of the previous days' events noting that the Regional Committees, including PC-IDEA, were appointed to compose the Extended Bureau of the UNCE-GGIM during the 2011-2012 term. He also mentioned the proposal made by the Director of the UN Statistics Division to change CP-IDEA's name to GGIM Americas. The proposal was approved by all the present members. The President reinforced the importance of the contribution of members of CP-IDEA to the working groups proposed by the UN under the UNCE-GGIM (WG Issues, Rio+20 and others that may appear).

3. Discussion on the results of the questionnaire

The GTplan coordinator presented the main aspects of each theme in the questionnaire and highlighted the key points of each subject derived from the direct analysis of the data and some data crossing. He informed that GTplan would meet in early 2012 in order to continue the implementation of the Work Plan and mentioned the possibility of forming new working groups in the areas of Training, Standards and Best Practices. He also reported that the final report would be finalized in December 2011 and made available to all in early 2012.

It was discussed whether the individual data of each country would be available or not along with the consolidated report. Some countries were in favor, others against it. Thus it was agreed that a formal consultation on this matter will be made to every country and, for those countries that agree to provide their data individually, such data will appear on the CD-ROM version which will be inserted in the publication, and on the web. The printed part of the publication will contain only the final report with the consolidated results.

4. General Issues

The Executive Secretary stressed the need of appointing substitute members, according to what had been previously requested by e-mail. She also thanked the organizers of the forum, especially the National Geographic Information Institute of Korea, for the arrangements for this PC-IDEA meeting.

The President of PC-IDEA closed the meeting by expressing his satisfaction with the results of the work achieved so far.