

MINUTES OF THE 10th MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR GEOSPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE AMERICAS PC-IDEA

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Agenda:

- 1. Opening and welcome
- 2. Agenda reading and approval, and quorum verification
- 3. PC-IDEA name change
- 4. Deliberation on the products delivered
- 5. Elections of the Directive Board for the 2013 2016 period
- 6. Words from the New President
- 7. Final remarks

1. Opening and welcome

The PC-IDEA President welcomed and thanked everyone for the presence. He highlighted the excellent work done by all participants of the Committee – Executive Board, Coordinators and members of the Working Groups and Committee members, and once again thanked everyone for their effort and dedication.

2. Agenda reading and approval and quorum verification

The Executive Secretary read out the agenda, asked if anyone would like to add something and if all were in accordance with the agenda items. As there was no manifestation she followed to the next item to check the quorum which for the meeting (Article 29) has been reached, totaling 17 members / countries present.



3. PC-IDEA name change

Considering the establishment of the GGIM Initiative in a global scope, the structuring of other regional committees of the United Nations and the alignment of actions in all spheres, after several discussions throughout the week in the context of the 10th UN Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas, the Committee approved the renaming of CP-IDEA to UN-GGIM Americas, unanimously.

4. Deliberation on the products delivered

It was presented by the President a table with all the products that were being delivered at that occasion and, after the necessary explanations about which has been sent for review and approval and about those that corresponded to finalized reports only without the need for approval, the President submitted to the plenary the following documents:

- SDI Manual for the Americas;
- Implementation Overview of the Standards Framework of the Americas;
- Proposal of CORE Standards of the Americas;
- Geospatial Data Model for the Americas.

The above documents were approved unanimously and will be treated as version 1. The document "Implementation Strategy of Capacity Building Plan" was not sent in advance for reading and should be submitted for approval by email by the new Executive Board later.

5. Elections of the Directive Board for the 2013 - 2016 period

It was presented the candidacies postulated to the Executive Board, namely:

- Presidency and Executive Secretariat => Mexico: Alcántar Rolando Ocampo and Monica Aguayo Gonzalez, respectively.
- Vice Presidency => Chile: Matias Fortuño
- Vocal for Central America => El Salvador: Rigoberto Magaña
- Vocal for the Caribbean => Jamaica: Trevor Shaw
- Vocal for South America => Brazil: João Bosco de Azevedo
- Vocal for North America => Canada: Prashant Shukle

The President asked if any other country would like to submit any additional candidacy to any of the positions, and there was no pronouncement from any member country. The candidacies were submitted to a vote, and unanimously approved.

The new President of the UN-GGIM Americas, Mr. Rolando Ocampo, and the new Vice President, Matías Fortuño, were invited to take their places at the table to conduct the meeting as of this point.



6. Words from the New President

It is included below the speech of the UN-GGIM Americas' new president.

"I would like to thank you all for the honor bestowed on me and the Institution I represent, to chair the CP-IDEA, today UN-GGIM Americas. It is an honor that I accept with enthusiasm and high degree of commitment.

A special thanks to Luiz Paulo Fortes Souto the past president of CP-IDEA, Executive Secretary Valéria Oliveira Henrique de Araújo and the entire Executive Board of 2009-2013 for the effort and excellent work over the past years.

At the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI), making this commitment motivates us, as it represents the mechanism to enhance, significantly, the management of statistical and geographical information that we are responsible for.

The importance of UN-GGIM is capitalized at this stage of development of our societies, is an indispensable forum to influence the wide variety of issues that, as you know, have great relevance for the region and for the world.

Without exclusivity, this committee is a necessary actor to promote the use of geo-referenced statistical data to better understand, and if necessary influence in the social, economic, cultural and environmental issues that each of our countries face.

We have before us the responsibility of coordinating the development of policies, standards and technical specifications to facilitate interoperability and exchange of geospatial information towards the development of geospatial data infrastructure for the entire region. In this task, with your support, we will work to encourage cooperation, research, exchange of

experiences and the application of best practices among member countries.

In advance I thank all members for their support and collaboration to provide for the proper development of our work and we thank you again for your invaluable participation.

You have my full support. Thank you very much."

7. Final remarks

The new president thanked the presence of all countries' representatives and reiterated to them his invitation to continue with the work being done so far and to redouble efforts to the success of the initiative of UN-GGIM. He informed that soon he will send a proposal of activities to working groups.

As there were no further items in the agenda, the new President closed the proceedings of the meeting.

Minutes prepared originally in Portuguese by Valeria Araujo and reviewed by Luiz Paulo Souto Fortes and Rolando Ocampo Alcántar.

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