



**MINUTES OF THE FIRST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
COMMITTEE OF UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT FOR THE AMERICAS
UN-GGIM:Americas**

Venue: Palacio de la Canal 1, Banamex Convention Center, Mexico City.
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Agenda:

1. Welcome Message.
2. Revision of proposed Statutes UN-GGIM-AM
3. Preparing the Working Plan 2013-2016.
4. Implementing Global Agenda UN-GGIM 2013-2014.
5. Plan and incorporating protocol of member countries.
6. Definition and revision of Working Groups.
7. Website
8. General Affairs
 - Substitutes for Board.
 - New Logo.
 - Future Actions

1. Welcome Message.

The president of UN-GGIM:Americas welcomed the new Executive Board and thanked the attendees, highlighting the work done by the previous Board of CP-IDEA and urging to work with the same strength in this new period.

2. Review of proposed Statutes of UN-GGIM:Americas

Carlos Guerrero Elemen presented a proposal of new statutes for UN-GGIM: Americas, the Board discussed some items and pointed out the section related to the representativeness of members of the Committee, as one of the major changes. The proposal about representation on the Committee is that the membership would be for agencies or organisms and not for a person.

The Executive Secretary agreed to send by email to the Board a chart made by colleagues of INEGI, México, with the major changes of the new proposal compared to PC-IDEA's statutes and the main similarities with the statutes of UN-GGIM-AP and UN-GGIM.

Once approved by the Board, the proposed statutes shall be sent to members of all countries for their comments and approval, once approved by the entire Committee they will be published on the website.

3. Preparing Work Plan 2013-2016:

It was agreed that the new Planning Working Group (GTplan) should submit a proposal of the Working Plan, for consideration of the Board.

The Board highlighted the importance of implementing the following resolutions of the 10th Cartographic Conference of the Americas in the Work Plan of the Committee for 2013-2016:

1. Regional coordination and cooperation
2. Spatially enabling government through geospatial data collection, management and dissemination
3. Regional geodetic reference frame
4. Status of mapping in the world
5. Business cases in support of the creation and use of geospatial information
6. Access and use of geospatial information for disaster risk reduction and climate change decision making.

4. Implementing the Global Agenda UN-GGIM 2013-2014:

The Board noted that UN-GGIM:Americas must work on the issues raised in the Global Agenda of UN-GGIM 2013-2014 that match the resolutions of the 10^o Cartographic Conference of the Americas.

5. Planning and incorporating Protocol of Member Countries:

It was suggested that each of the vocals take the responsibility of integrating the countries of their region to the committee. Also was agreed to conduct a formal invitation letter to all American countries belonging to the United Nations, that still not part of the initiative, this as a first step in the strategy of incorporating Member Countries, the letter will be send to the Foreign Affairs Ministries of the countries so they can define the Institution that will represent their county in the Committee.

6. Defining and reviewing of Working Groups:

The Executive Board specified that the first step should be ratify the Planning Working Group (GTplan) for the development of the work plan and then evaluate the ratification of the Working Group of Standards and Technical Specifications (GTnet) and potential new Groups.

About the GTPlan, the decision of the board is to keep the same members as possible of the last group of CP-IDEA. After confirming the Working Group, indicate coordination and members, and subsequently requesting the proposed work plan.

7. Website:

For now the website will continue to be coordinated by Chile, the Vice President of the Committee, Matias Fortuño committed to make a proposal to the Board of the new website, making the necessary changes of name, members, executive board, etc. The website must be available in the three official languages of the Committee: Spanish, English and Portuguese, this way it is intended that the website will be one of the main promotion mechanisms of the committee, allowing members to upload news and important notices for the Committee, making the webpage more active and of greater diffusion.

8. General Affairs:

- Substitutes for Executive Board:

Members of the Board will consider who shall be appointed as substitute in each their positions, taking into account that they must be of the same country. This will be added in the new statutes of the Committee.

- New Logo:

The Vocal for Central America, Rigoberto Magana committed to work on the new logo, keeping the design of the Global Committee and the Asia-Pacific Regional Committee.

-Future Actions:

An extraordinary meeting will be held in Montevideo Uruguay on November 18, 2013 at the Pan American Institute of Geography and History - PAIGH 20th General Assembly and Meetings of Consultation, taking advantage of the assistance of some members of the Committee.

The next Committee Meeting will be on September 23, 2014, at the Latin America Geospatial Forum in Mexico City.

Finally, the attendees commented that meetings in the future could be held via videoconference, using the technology available, in order to be more efficient.