



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

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Radisson Hotel, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montevideo, Uruguay.

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## **Agenda:**

1. Welcome Message.
2. Follow-up of the First Meeting of Executive Board Meeting.
3. Joint Action Plan PAIGH/SIRGAS/UN-GGIM: Americas/GeoSUR.
4. Plan and incorporating protocol of member countries.
  - Intersesional Meeting of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) Ministerial Council.
5. General Affairs:
  - Mr. Rolando Ocampo as Co-chair of the United Nations Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information.

### **1. Welcome Message**

The President of UN-GGIM: Americas welcomed and thanked the attendees, giving the word to everyone for their presentation. The President said that this meeting was planned to take advantage of the assistance of several members of the Committee to the 20° PAIGH's General Assembly in Montevideo, Uruguay.

### **2. Follow-up of the First Meeting of Executive Board Meeting**

The President of the Regional Committee mentioned the last Executive Board meeting that took place during the International Conference of Geography and Environment, CIGMA 2013, in Mexico City last October.

One of the agenda items of the meeting was the development of the new statutes of Regional Committee, and he mentioned that they were submitted to the Board and are being reviewed by the Legal Department of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico for their contributions and comments. Once this process is completed, they will be submitted to all Members Countries for their comments and approval.

Rolando Ocampo noted that the idea of the creation of 6 working groups to address the 6 resolutions of the 10th United Nations Cartographic Conference for the Americas is being evaluated.

### **3. Joint Action Plan PAIGH/SIRGAS/UN-GGIM:Americas/GeoSUR.**

The attendees commented on the meeting held on Sunday November 17 with leaders of organizations of the the Joint Plan: Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) Geocentric Reference System for the Americas (SIRGAS), GeoSur and UN-GGIM: Americas. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen the relationship between these institutions, as well as reaching partnerships that allow better communication between these actors at the regional level.

### **4. Plan and incorporating protocol of member countries.**

- Intersesional Meeting of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) Ministerial Council.

The President of the Committee informed the attendees about the Intersesional Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Association of Caribbean States, which will be held on 26 November at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, where the Act Ocampo will have a participation to present the initiative and invite the Caribbean countries that do not yet belong to the Committee; the President shall report the results thereof to the Regional Committee.

## **5. General Affairs:**

The President Rolando Ocampo reported that is the new Co-Chair of United Nations Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information together with Gemma Van Halderen of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). He emphasized the importance of this participation as it is one of the main issues on the global agenda of UN-GGIM.

The importance of assistance of Member Countries to the next meeting of the Regional Committee that will be held at the Latin American Geospatial Forum (LAGF) in Mexico City from 23 to 25 September 2014 was noted. Finally, the President informed that the Regional Committee will receive funding support from Geospatial Media for 20 members to attend the meeting and are looking for additional sources of funding.

Minutes prepared originally in Spanish by Mónica Aguayo with notes from Valéria Oliveira Henrique de Araújo.

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