



Twelfth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)

UN-GGIM: Americas Side Event

**Thursday, 4 August 2022
1:30 – 2:55 pm
CR-A (Conference building)
United Nations, New York**

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) established by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), is a formal intergovernmental mechanism to discuss, improve and coordinate the availability and use of geospatial information at the global level, through the participation of the Member States of the United Nations.

In August 2013, the Regional Committee for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas) was created, replacing the Standing Committee on Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas (PC-IDEA). This significant action was carried out in accordance with the new mandate of the Regional Committee to enhance cooperation and coordination with the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). The Regional Committee, aligned with the global architecture, would better address regional and global challenges, especially in the context of sustainable development.

The Regional Committee for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas) determines the relevant regional issues for the management of geospatial information, and takes the necessary measures to maximize the economic, social and environmental benefits derived from its use. The foregoing based on knowledge and the exchange of experiences and technologies by Member States, which allows promoting the establishment of Geospatial Data Infrastructures in the Americas and other national initiatives, in addition to contributions to debates in UN- GGIM.

This meeting seeks the interaction of the Member States of the Regional Committee for: Exchange on challenges and expectations of the UN-GGIM: Americas working groups, networks and initiatives; provide an overview on the cross collaboration that can be put in practice to best execute the proposed activities for the workplans; get an agreement on the

expected progresses of the UN-GGIM Americas workplan by November 2022, so as to present them in the Ninth Session of the Regional Committee.

Agenda

First Part	
01:30 – 01:35	Welcome remarks Sofía Nilo, President UN-GGIM Americas
01:35 – 02:05	<p>Open discussion on the situation of the countries/regional focal points in relation to their SDI/UN-GGIM work programs, their challenges and needs.</p> <p>Triggering questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the more relevant challenges to make your national geospatial initiative progress? • What are the components of the global UN-GGIM agenda that can best support your national geospatial initiative? • What kind of actions can be conducted in your country to involve the whole national geospatial community in the interaction with the regional (UN-GGIM: Americas) and global (UN-GGIM) level? <p>Moderator: Alvaro Monett Technical Secretariat UN-GGIM: Americas</p>
Second Part	
02:05 – 02:10	Guidelines for the UN-GGIM Americas Work Program 2022-2025 Pamela Castillo, Executive Secretary UN-GGIM: Americas
02:10 – 02:40	<p>Open discussion on how the different instances of UN-GGIM: Americas can implement the regional work program, to meet global and national expectations on strengthening geospatial information management.</p> <p>Triggering questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the expectations in your country regarding the support that UN-GGIM Americas will provide through their working groups and networks? • What are the main challenges in implementing the IGIF and the GSGF? • What kind of actions can be conducted in your country to best facilitate the materialization of the UN-GGIM: Americas work program?

	Moderator: Alvaro Monett Technical Secretariat UN-GGIM: Americas
02:40 – 02:50	Summary and Conclusions Pamela Castillo, Executive Secretary UN-GGIM: Americas
02:50 – 02:55	Final remarks and closure Sofía Nilo, President UN-GGIM Americas

Side event format and language

This meeting will be in person, closed to the Member States of UN_GGIM: Americas and will be held in English.

Organizers – name(s) of focal point, their emails and, supporting organization(s)

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