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on Global Geospatial Information Management for the
Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas)

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CHAPTER I: ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

Place and date of the meeting

1. The Eleventh Session of the United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas) was held on September 25 and 26, 2024, through virtual sessions, and culminated with an in-person session on October 7, 2024, in Mexico City.

Attendance

1. Representatives from 27 Member States of the Regional Committee attended the in-person session: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Commonwealth of Dominica, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Paraguay.
2. Delegates from various organizations also participated, such as the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), the Academic Network of the Americas (ANA), the Private Sector Network of the Americas (PSN-A), the Geodetic Reference System for the Americas (SIRGAS), AmeriGEO, Copernicus LAC-Chile, the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC), the Chairs of the UN-GGIM Regional Committees, the Statistics Division of ECLAC in its capacity as Technical Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Americas, and the United Nations Statistics Division in its capacity as Secretariat of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM).

Presidency

1. The Session was chaired by Sofía Nilo Crisóstomo, in her capacity as President of UN-GGIM: Americas.

CHAPTER II: AGENDA

1. On September 25, 2024, the first virtual session was held, which included the following agenda:

Session 1: Report on subregional activities
Session 2: Report on regional thematic networks and collaborative initiatives
2. On September 26, 2024, a second virtual session was held, with the following agenda item:

Session 3: Evaluation of the Regional Committee's work and functioning. Needs, challenges, and priorities for 2025

3. During the in-person session, held on October 7 in Mexico City, the following agenda was approved:

Session 1: Regional report
Session 2: Regional and interregional cooperation
Session 3: Progress of the working groups following the resolutions of the Tenth Session
Session 4: Resolutions and Closing of the Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM: Americas

4. No side events were held during the Eleventh Session.

CHAPTER III: RESOLUTIONS

The United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas), within the framework of its Eleventh Session, held on September 25 and 26 (virtually) and October 7, 2024 (in person), adopted the following resolutions:

UN-GGIM Americas,

Remembering United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2011/24 of July 2011, which established the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) and highlighted the importance of promoting national, regional and global efforts to foster the exchange of knowledge and experience in order to assist developing countries in building and strengthening national capacities in this field,

Also remembering resolution seven of the Tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas, held in New York from August 19 to 23, 2013, which approved the change of name of the Regional Committee from the “Standing Committee for the Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas” to the “United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas,” in accordance with ECOSOC resolution 2016/27 of July 2016, entitled “Strengthening Institutional Arrangements on Geospatial Information Management,”

Also remembering decision 13/102 of the Committee of Experts at its thirteenth session, which recognized the active engagement of the regional committees and regional commissions, with input from relevant stakeholders across the four thematic networks, in continuing to support Member States by providing forums for their representatives to meet, discuss and collaborate in the implementation of the Committee of Experts' global frameworks, in particular the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, and in addressing their combined challenges,

Reaffirming the objective of UN-GGIM: Americas to hold annual and periodic high-level multi-stakeholder discussions on geospatial data infrastructure and geospatial information management, including through annual plenary sessions, with a view to promoting dialogue with all Member States of the Americas and relevant groups and stakeholders to share experiences, best practices and cutting-edge technologies,

Welcoming with pleasure the convening of the Eleventh Session of the United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas), held on September 25 and 26 virtually and on October 7, 2024, in person in Mexico City,

11/01

Report on UN-GGIM Subregional Activities: Americas

UN-GGIM: Americas:

1. *Recognizes* the valuable work carried out by the Subregional Vocals during the past year and the importance of their continued empowerment as key interlocutors between Member States and the Steering Committee's Board, and appreciates the large number of awareness-raising and training interventions in geospatial information management in support of Member States.
2. *Exhort* its vocals to strengthen measures to achieve effective communication and coordination between the Members, Member States and the Board of Directors through:
 - a. Implement communication channels between the Vocals and the Member States they represent, so that they are aware of the activities carried out in the four subregions;
 - b. Convene regular meetings aimed at developing strategies to enhance the implementation of UN-GGIM frameworks and also meetings between the Vocals and the coordinators of the UN-GGIM: Americas academic and private sector networks and other relevant regional stakeholder groups, as deemed necessary;
 - c. Monitor the progress of the UN-GGIM: Americas work plan through the use of a standardized report and the establishment of accountability procedures, both to be designed and developed;
 - d. Collaborate on the initiative to create a meeting calendar and a repository of courses, technical documents, and speeches on the UN-GGIM: Americas website, allowing easy access to them;
 - e. Collaborate in the organization of workshops, events and meetings to share good practices on the use of geospatial information to support high-level decision-making, assigning the Vocals the task of maintaining an established procedure for collecting these good practices from Member States and;

f. seek the institutionalization of the measures indicated in points a) to e) by incorporating them into the Statute of the Regional Committee.

3. *Insta* Member States to continue to participate enthusiastically and encourages them to collaborate in the activities, ensuring that all benefit equally.

11/02

Report on regional thematic networks and collaborative initiatives UN-GGIM: Americas

UN-GGIM: Americas:

1. *Praise* the sustained efforts of the UN-GGIM Academic Network: Americas (ANA), the UN-GGIM Private Sector Network: Americas (PSNA), the Americas Group on Earth Observations (AmeriGEO), the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), and Copernicus Chile to promote geospatial development through capacity building and collaboration. These partnerships will continue to play a critical role in enhancing the region's geospatial capabilities.

2. *Recognizes* the need to increase the visibility of geospatial information among policymakers and decision-makers and therefore encourages thematic networks to support the development of communication strategies that emphasize the role of geographic information in national planning, ensuring its integration into national geospatial and financial frameworks.

3. *Support* the participation of thematic networks in specific capacity-building initiatives, particularly in the use of geographic information systems (GIS), satellite data interpretation, and applications of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning for geospatial challenges. These initiatives will develop a skilled workforce to drive innovation and decision-making across all sectors.

4. *Recognizes* the fragmented nature of geospatial data collection and management in many small island developing States (SIDS) and the need for regional cooperation and data integration. The Regional Committee encourages leveraging existing regional geospatial data-sharing platforms, such as IDE Americas, ECLACGEO, and the Caribbean Geoportal, among others, to promote seamless integration and access to geospatial data across SIDS. These platforms enhance data collaboration, address current geospatial data gaps, and equip decision-makers with accurate, real-time information for national development.

5. *Insta* Thematic networks are encouraged to lead regional efforts to integrate geospatial technologies into disaster risk reduction strategies and climate change adaptation projects.

This includes developing unified systems for risk assessment, early warnings, and post-disaster recovery, while also promoting joint climate resilience initiatives, such as monitoring coastal erosion and sea level rise.

6. *Insta* collaboration between thematic networks and Member States to strengthen institutional frameworks, ensuring the integration of geospatial information into national development policies. These efforts will improve governance structures and technology integration in areas such as urban planning, environmental sustainability, and infrastructure development.

7. *Recommends* promote public-private-philanthropic partnerships (PPPPs) to foster innovation and growth in the geospatial sector. Thematic networks will help facilitate these collaborations by connecting governments, private entities, academic institutions, and philanthropic organizations to address regional geospatial challenges and generate new opportunities.

11/03

**Evaluation of the work and functioning of the Regional Committee.
Needs, challenges and priorities for 2025**

UN-GGIM: Americas:

1. *Recognizes* the need to empower the Vocals, with the aim of encouraging the active participation of representatives of Member States to facilitate a fluid and continuous flow of information within the regional community; requests the development of guidelines to support the Vocals and Member States in assuming their responsibilities and fulfilling their roles, so that the provisions of the UN-GGIM: Americas Statutes are effectively implemented; proposes reviewing the provisions of the Statutes and recommends possible additions to ensure that representatives of Member States have better and sustainable support to participate in and contribute to the regional work program.

2. *Support* the creation and implementation of a Regional Committee communication plan, including the use of existing communication tools (such as the UN-GGIM: Americas website and social media platforms) and providing appropriate spaces for the discovery, dissemination, and sharing of good practices and lessons learned in geospatial information management.

3. *It recognizes* that the diversity of languages within the region hinders communication among representatives of Member States, and therefore raises the need to mobilize resources to ensure that the official languages of the Regional Committee are used in regular activities and in the preparation of documents.

4. *Calls* to strengthen collaboration and engagement with other inter- and intraregional organizations, such as the Geodetic Reference System of the Americas (SIRGAS), PAIGH, AmeriGEO, the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the Association of American States (OAS), and the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM), with the aim of enhancing efforts in data and information generation, as well as capacity building and knowledge sharing, through joint initiatives and projects, thus contributing to advancing the objectives of UN-GGIM: Americas.

5. *Encourages* Vocals and Member States representatives in the sub-regions to explore the possibility of formulating joint projects that address common geospatial challenges, particularly those that may have transnational interest.

6. *Encourages* Member States are also encouraged to use the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) and other supporting approaches to define and develop criteria and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assist them in developing their national geospatial information management arrangements.

11/04

UN-GGIM Annual Report: Americas

UN-GGIM: Americas:

1. *Take note* of the 2023-2024 report presented by the President of the Regional Committee, appreciates the progress made by the sub-regions, networks and initiatives to implement the Regional Committee's work plan and encourages them to continue advancing their goals and objectives.

2. *Reinforces* the relevance of the working groups, which have achieved notable results during the reporting period, welcomes the launch of a new working group on the topic of land administration and the offer of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, and the academic and private sector networks of UN-GGIM: Americas to participate in this working group. Furthermore, it requests representatives of Member States to strengthen their participation in ongoing and planned activities in all working groups.

3. *Welcomes* the progress in meeting the challenges discussed during the virtual sessions on communication, participation, impact assessment and work dynamics of the Regional Committee, and undertakes to advance the fulfillment of the strategies and activities established to I address these challenges.

11/05

Regional, intra and interregional cooperation

UN-GGIM: Americas:

1. Welcomes with satisfaction the report of the PAIGH and values the continued collaboration demonstrated through its activities in the areas of knowledge generation, through multidisciplinary scientific research, capacity building, dissemination of scientific documents, promotion of scholarships, support for the standardization of geographical names and the commitments assumed within the framework of the Joint Action Plan, and also values the provision of valuable resources to support the participation of Member States in regional meetings over the next four years.

2. Also welcomes and appreciates the in-person participation of representatives from the Regional Committees of Africa, Arab States, Asia-Pacific and Europe in the Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM: Americas, in compliance with decision 13/102 of the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts, which welcomed and recognized the efforts of the Regional Committees to strengthen participation and alignment among the five Regional Committees, through effective communication and collaboration.

3. Welcomes with satisfaction also the reports submitted by the representatives of the Regional Committees for Africa, the Arab States, Asia-Pacific and Europe, congratulates the Regional Committees on the progress made in their respective work plans and encourages the Regional Committees to continue promoting the implementation of the global geospatial information agenda at the national level.

4. Reinforces the importance of the in-person interregional meeting to be held within the framework of the Seventh UN-GGIM High-Level Forum and welcomes the proposal to develop an interregional work plan that would allow for an ongoing exchange of knowledge and experiences among the five UN-GGIM regions, enriching the products that each regional committee considers on its agenda. It also encourages the Member States of the Americas to actively contribute to the implementation of this work plan.

5. Acknowledges the presentation of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC) and welcomes the perspectives of cooperation with UN-GGIM: Americas and the other regional committees to increase geospatial capabilities. Likewise, calls for fluid and permanent communication between the UN-GGKIC and the regional committees to best leverage the opportunities that this centre opens to Member States.

6. *Encourages* Intraregional organizations are encouraged to promote and support initiatives to strengthen geospatial information management with the support of the Board of Directors.

11/06 Progress of the working groups following the resolutions of the Tenth Session

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- **Working Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) for the Americas**

1. *Insta* Member States to commit to continuing their training in the implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) to strengthen technical and geospatial information management capacities throughout the region and highlights the importance of discussions within the UN-IGIF Working Group as a key element for capacity development.

2. *It also urges* Member States to continue promoting technical cooperation and knowledge sharing on geospatial issues, using established communication mechanisms to create synergies that ensure the successful implementation of the UN-IGIF in the region, and appreciates the support provided by ECLAC, the SDG Data Alliance, the IGIF High-Level Group, the OECS, CARICOM, and other regional committees.

3. *Welcomes* PAIGH's commitment to providing technical support to countries in implementing the UN-IGIF, and the commitment of academic and private sector networks to ongoing efforts to support the implementation of the UN-IGIF, taking into account the results of its survey and the discussions of the virtual meetings.

4. *Recognize* the importance of the UN-GGIM Global Consultation on the implementation of the UN-IGIF and proposes aligning this activity with the Regional Consultation for the Americas, in order to improve the efficiency and harmonization of both initiatives.

5. *Appreciate* and takes note of the recommendations for maintaining regular monitoring of the nine UN-IGIF strategic pathways, using indicators to be defined to measure the effectiveness of their implementation in Member States, and stresses the importance of disseminating best practices and actions that reflect positive progress in geospatial information management.

6. *Exhorts* Member States to take advantage of in-person forums, such as the UN-GGIM: Americas meetings, to organize and convene side events and workshops aimed at advancing the implementation of the UN-IGIF and promoting the exchange of best practices.

- **Working Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (IEEG)**

7. *Appreciates* the responses received from Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Canada, Mexico, and Paraguay to the request for the compilation of use cases and technical documentation to promote and strengthen the principles of the Global Statistical and Geospatial Framework (GSGF) in the geostatistical community, as well as ECLAC in the publication on the UN-GGIM: Americas website and, likewise, calls upon other countries to submit their use cases.

8. *Welcomes and gives thanks with pleasure* the efforts and support of the Regional Working Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, the Global Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, ECLAC and the Executive Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Americas, in convening and developing three virtual seminars on principles 2, 3 and 4 of the GSGF, congratulates the Member States for their active participation, encourages the holding of more webinars and workshops to strengthen knowledge and capacities for the integration of statistical and geospatial information and welcomes the proposal to create new task forces.

9. *Welcomes* the updated administrative levels provided by Costa Rica, the United States, Mexico, and Colombia to the MEGA (Geostatistical Framework for the Americas), and urges other countries in the region to provide their data, to ensure the comparability of geographic and statistical information with the aim of facilitating its dissemination and better supporting decision-making.

10. *Encourages* Member States to adopt the implementation of lower geostatistical levels in the region (adaptation of the Territorial Units for Statistics, NUTs), which allow the consistency and comparability of integrated statistical and geospatial data, resulting in new levels of information with higher levels of disaggregation for the MEGA; noting that, the technical definitions will be built by means of the joint work with representatives from the statistical and geospatial communities, to be done with the support of the sub-regional Vocals.

- **Working Group on the Strategic Framework for Geospatial Information and Services in Disaster Situations**

11. *Insta* Member States of the Americas are encouraged to review and submit their observations on the technical documents, as well as on the geospatial information contained

in different platforms and digital media, prepared by the Regional Working Group on the Strategic Framework for Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters.

12. *Encourages* Member States to prioritize the exchange of information and experiences in risk management, within their countries and internationally, promote technical cooperation and the use of advanced geospatial tools to improve resilience and adaptation to climate change in the Region of the Americas.

- **Working Group on the Geodetic Reference Frame for the Americas (GRFA)**

13. *Insta* Member States to make the necessary efforts to link and align their national geodetic infrastructures with those proposed by SIRGAS in accordance with the guidelines of the International Association of Geodesy.

14. *It also urges* Member States to support training activities offered by SIRGAS, the Academic and Private Sector Network of the Americas, and the United Nations World Geodetic Center of Excellence, and invites Member States to participate in the next SIRGAS Real-Time School to be held in Bogotá, Colombia, from November 12 to 15, 2024.

15. *Commits* to intensify efforts to raise awareness and promote the finalization and implementation of the joint development plan for global geodesy, to maximize the collective impact of the activities from Member States and partners, with a particular focus on capacity development.

16. *Invites* Caribbean Member States are encouraged to become members of SIRGAS to take advantage of opportunities to strengthen the capacities of the regional geodetic reference system, and welcomes the expressions of interest in participation from Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Belize, Barbados, Guyana, Dominica, and the OECS.

17. *Suggests* that Member States exchange open geodetic information and support the maintenance of the global supply chain, in line with the recommendations of the United Nations World Geodetic Centre of Excellence.

- **Working Group on Land Administration**

18. *Calls* to strengthen cooperation between the UN-GGIM Regional Working Group on Land Administration for the Americas and the global functional group - Expert Group on Land Administration and Management - to unify concepts and guidelines for the

implementation of the Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA) in the Americas.

19. *Proposes* hold the first in-person meeting of the Regional Working Group on Land Administration within the framework of the twelfth plenary session of UN-GGIM: Americas in October 2025 and will coordinate and create forums in the interim to prepare for this meeting.

20. *Suggests* developing and strengthening thematic and systematic alliances on land administration issues, together with the academic network of UN-GGIM: Americas, the academic network of Europe and FIG to obtain guidance on the implementation of FELA, according to the 2024 to 2025 Work Plan of this Working Group.

11/07 Acknowledgments

UN-GGIM: Americas:

1. *Thanks* the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI) for hosting the Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM Americas and its warm hospitality, to ECLAC for facilitating the virtual sessions on September 25 and 26, 2024, and also to the PAIGH for the reception and cultural entertainment at its historic facilities in Mexico City.

11/08 Twelfth Session of UN-GGIM: Americas

UN-GGIM: Americas:

1. *Agree* that the Twelfth Session of UN-GGIM: Americas will be convened in October 2025, at ECLAC Headquarters in Santiago, Chile.

CHAPTER IV: REPORT OF THE SESSION

1. The first virtual session of the Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM: Americas, held on September 25, 2024, featured broad participation from representatives of Member States, vocals, thematic networks, and regional organizations.
2. During the opening ceremony, the President of the Regional Committee, Sofía Nilo Crisóstomo, along with representatives from ECLAC and the United Nations Statistics Division, highlighted the importance of collaborative work, the consolidation of technical capacities in the region, and the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF).

3. The reports on subregional activities were then presented. North America reported progress in trilateral cooperation, technical training, and leadership in global forums; Central America shared initiatives on regional integration, the use of satellite data, and risk management; the Caribbean showcased achievements through the CARIGEO initiative, including its focus on disaster resilience, development of young talent, and institutional strengthening; and South America highlighted progress in technical participation, coordination with working groups, and translation of key documents.
4. Subsequently, a discussion forum was opened in which several countries proposed strengthening internal communication, empowering the role of vocals, improving regional coordination channels, and sharing resources and best practices.
5. The activities of the thematic networks and regional collaboration initiatives were then reported on. The Academic Network of the Americas presented a comprehensive report on its activities, which included its institutional strengthening, contributions to working groups, training initiatives, and links with other regional and global actors. The session reflected a strong regional commitment to continuing to advance collaborative management of geospatial information as a strategic tool for sustainable development.
6. The Private Sector Network of the Americas presented an update on its activities, highlighting its role as a self-organized network that actively collaborates with the Regional Committee. They reported that since the last session, they have participated in multiple regional and global initiatives, such as workshops, geospatial summits, and consultations on strengthening the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF). They emphasized their commitment to capacity building, supporting member countries, and fostering partnerships with academic networks and other stakeholders. They also mentioned the development of recommendations on governance, open data policies, intellectual property, and financing mechanisms, derived from the global consultation they led.
7. AmeriGEO, for its part, highlighted the continued commitments established in the Aguascalientes Declaration and presented progress in the use of tools such as GeoGloWS. They highlighted its application in Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, and Peru, as well as its usefulness in hydrological forecasting for risk management. In collaboration with NASA and other entities, an economic analysis of the tool's impact is being developed. Coordination with organizations such as the WMO for its implementation in Central America was also highlighted, and the importance of international cooperation to expand the use of these technologies for the benefit of the countries of the region was reinforced.
8. The Copernicus LAC-Chile Centre presented the progress of this regional center, which is part of the European Copernicus satellite program. The center was officially inaugurated in March 2023 and is co-funded by the University of Chile and the European Commission. Its mission is based on three pillars: (1) acting as a large regional repository of Copernicus

satellite imagery, allowing direct access from Latin America without having to resort to European servers; (2) enabling virtualization services for local image processing, avoiding full downloads and facilitating work with large volumes of data; and (3) promoting the availability and sharing of in-situ data, essential for validating and anchoring satellite information. In addition, the center develops products such as land use and cover maps and urban distribution maps for all of Latin America and the Caribbean, in collaboration with its sister center in Panama.

9. During the session, KAN Territory & IT presented its contribution to improving the Spatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas (SDI Americas) through the donation of technology and specialized technical support. The initiative included the delivery of solutions such as GeoNetwork, the ELK suite of tools for real-time monitoring, and the GeoHealthCheck service, all aimed at optimizing the accessibility, interoperability, and sustainability of geospatial data in the region.
10. KAN explained that these tools improve the integrity and performance of geospatial information services, while facilitating advanced metadata management. Furthermore, the provision of technical documentation, training, and ongoing support to member countries was highlighted.
11. The presentation also included a report on registered nodes by country and the volume of metadata managed, with notable figures from countries such as Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay, and Panama. Finally, frequent problems detected in the region were mentioned, and KAN reaffirmed its commitment to continue collaborating with UN-GGIM: Americas to strengthen the monitoring, exploitation, and efficient management of spatial data.
12. Finally, the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) presented an overview of its structure and objectives. They explained that FIG brings together national non-governmental associations from the commercial sector related to land surveying in a broad sense, including remote sensing, geodesy, and land management. They invited government agencies to join as affiliate members and highlighted their work in technical education and training. They announced upcoming events, such as an international workshop in Brazil in 2025, and the intention to hold a FIG regional conference in Uruguay, in collaboration with SIRGAS and other organizations, with the aim of bringing together the government, academic, and private sectors on issues of land administration and geospatial positioning.
13. Participants then addressed a series of key topics related to geospatial gaps and challenges, regional collaboration, internal communication, and the Regional Committee's strategic priorities for 2025. During the discussion, the importance of strengthening the role of the vocals as interlocutors between the countries and the Board of Directors was recognized. Concrete actions were proposed, such as establishing regular meetings between the vocals and national focal points, as well as among the vocals themselves, to foster coordination, the exchange of experiences, and the monitoring of work plans. The need to improve communication and dissemination of activities carried out in member countries was also emphasized, including the creation of a common agenda, the consolidation of a repository of good practices, and the regular publication of content on the Committee's website.

14. Participants highlighted the usefulness of training repositories and the possibility of reusing training materials, even in different languages, thus overcoming language barriers. They also proposed encouraging countries to publish their experiences and success stories to highlight regional progress. They also highlighted the coordinating role that vocals can play in regional or subregional projects, as well as their potential to contribute to monitoring the impact of the work plan in the countries.
15. Finally, the importance of fostering the active participation of all Member States and aligning efforts toward more effective implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) was emphasized, strengthening regional cohesion, transparency, and informed decision-making.
16. On September 26, 2024, the second virtual session of the Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM: Americas was held, focusing on the evaluation of the work of the Regional Committee during the period 2022–2024 and the definition of priorities for 2025.
17. The President of the Regional Committee, Sofia Nilo, opened the session by highlighting the broad participation of Member States and the progress reported by vocals, thematic networks, and regional organizations. A summary was presented that included significant achievements such as the strengthening of working groups, the activation of the GeoAI Community of Practice, and the collaborative work with organizations such as PAIGH, SIRGAS, and AmeriGEO.
18. At the same time, significant challenges were identified, including limited bilateral communication with countries, language barriers, limited internal dissemination of activities, limited participation in working groups, financial instability, and a lack of support for technical capacities. In response, various actions have been implemented, such as dissemination through networks and newsletters, technical support from ECLAC, and strengthening ties with academic networks, the private sector, and regional organizations. Looking ahead to 2025, measures were proposed to improve communication, establish clearer roles in the statutes, foster regional equity and participation, and encourage the preparation of voluntary national reports. Finally, representatives from several countries shared ideas to strengthen coordination, training, technical exchange, and monitoring of progress at UN-GGIM: Americas.
19. The in-person session of the Eleventh Session of UN-GGIM: Americas, held on October 7, 2024, in Mexico City, began with welcoming remarks from representatives of INEGI, ECLAC, the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts, and the Chair of the Regional Committee.
20. The Regional Committee's Report 2023–2024 was then presented, followed by presentations focused on regional and interregional cooperation, with the participation of representatives from the Asia-Pacific, Arab States, European, and African Regional Committees. Key proposals for collaborative work were addressed, and shared strategic priorities were discussed.
21. In the following sessions, the progress of the regional working groups was presented, including the Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF), the

Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, the Strategic Framework for Disasters, the Geodetic Reference Framework for the Americas (GRFA), and the Group on Effective Land Administration. During these sessions, the achievements, challenges, and proposals for strengthening regional capacities and aligning efforts with the Committee's priorities were highlighted.

22. The session concluded with the approval of the resolutions of the Eleventh Session and with final remarks by national and regional authorities, reaffirming the commitment to geospatial collaboration in the Americas.
23. The recording of the virtual sessions is available at the following link: <https://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/undecima-sesion-un-ggim-americas>. The presentations made during the sessions are also hosted on the same site.