



Resolutions 12th Session UN-GGIM: Americas

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RESOLUTIONS

The United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas), at its Twelfth Session, held from 5 to 7 November 2025, at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in Santiago, Chile, took the following decisions:

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Remembering* 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, to help developing countries build and strengthen national capacities in this area,
- b) *Remembering* also resolution seven of the 10th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas, held in New York from 19 to 23 August 2013, which approved the change of name of the Regional Committee from “Standing Committee for the Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas” to “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 in geospatial information management”,
- c) *Remembering* furthermore, decision 13/102 of the Committee of Experts at its Thirteenth Session, which recognized the active commitment of the Regional Committees and regional commissions, with input from relevant stakeholders across the four thematic networks, to continue supporting Member States by providing spaces for their representatives to meet, discuss and collaborate on the implementation of the Committee of Experts' global frameworks, in particular the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF), and to address their common challenges,
- d) *Reaffirming* the objective of UN-GGIM: Americas is to hold annual and/or periodic high-level discussions among multiple stakeholders on Geospatial Data Infrastructure and Geospatial Information Management, including by convening annual plenary sessions, with a view to promoting dialogue with all Member States of the Americas and with relevant groups and stakeholders to share experiences, good practices and cutting-edge technologies.

12/01

Report of the Secretariat on the Fifteenth Session of the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Welcomed* the Secretariat's report on the main decisions of the Fifteenth Session of the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts, and recognized the value of the UN-GGIM Strategic Framework for the period 2025-2030 as a roadmap for the Committee's activities at the global level and committed to defining a strategic plan for the Americas region, aligned with the objectives of this Strategic Framework.
- b) *Encouraged* Member States to participate in the Sixteenth Session of the UN-GGIM Expert Committee, in August 2026 in New York, and in the Third World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC), in November 2026, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- c) *Expressed* concern about the lack of resources at the UN-GGIM Secretariat to sustain the oversight, monitoring, and coordination of the Expert Committee's work program and the operations and activities of the operational global geospatial centers. It also encouraged its Member States to raise this concern with their ministries and permanent missions to the United Nations through formal communications.

12/02

Report on the activities of the United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management during the period 2022-2025

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Noted* the report prepared by the Presidency of the Regional Committee for the period 2022-2025, and valued the progress achieved by the working groups, subregions, thematic networks and communities (GeoAI and Women).
- b) *Highlighted* the valuable contribution of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and Geodetic Reference System for the Americas (SIRGAS) to the development of activities and the fulfillment of the objectives of the regional committee during this period.

12/03

Report on subregional activities

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Recognized* the valuable work carried out by the Subregional Representatives during the last year and the importance of their continued efforts as key liaisons between the Member States and the Board of Directors of the Regional Committee.
- b) *Reaffirmed* resolution 11/01 concerning the strengthening of measures to achieve effective communication and coordination between the Members, the Member States, and the Board of Directors.
- c) *Recognized* the importance of the subregional meetings as spaces to share experiences and promote collaboration among the Member States of each subregion.
- d) *Urged* Member States to actively participate in subregional activities and maintain ongoing communication with the vocals of their respective subregions.

12/04

Working Groups Report

UN-GGIM: Americas:

1. Working Group on the UN-IGIF for the Americas

- a) *Acknowledged*, in close relation to UN-GGIM Resolution 15/115, the importance of continued collaboration with the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC) in alliance with the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF) to promote actions that contribute both to strengthening capacities and to the implementation of the UN-IGIF in the region.
- b) *Expressed* the importance of the UN-GGKIC capacity-building and technical assistance actions being coordinated by UN-GGIM: Americas with the support of ECLAC, to promote coherent and transparent processes, under a governance model already established in the Regional Committee.
- c) *Acknowledged* the progress made by the UN-GGKIC in building capacity, appreciated its alignment with the strategy of the HLG-IGIF, and urged the Centre and the Secretariat to

take action on the eight HLG-IGIF priorities agreed upon at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the HLG-IGIF in August 2025.

- d) *Stressed* the urgency of promoting a training program of trainers on the UN-IGIF, in collaboration with the UN-GGKIC, to multiply national capacities and expand the possibilities of improving the management of geospatial information through the implementation of the Framework.
- e) *Emphasized* the complementary need to provide technical assistance to Member States for the development of Country-level Action Plans, based on their needs, capacities, and opportunities for the implementation of the UN-IGIF.
- f) *Encouraged* the development of subregional and regional events for the exchange of experiences on the management of geospatial information and the implementation of Strategic Frameworks in the different Member States.
- g) *Encouraged* the organization of events that involve young people in building geospatial ecosystems, with the aim of improving the management of geospatial information through the implementation of the UN-IGIF.
- h) *Expressed* appreciation to the HLG-IGIF's working groups, including Capacity Development, Communications, and Sustainable Funding. Especially noted the work done in translating the UN-IGIF strategic pathway documents and acknowledged the need to move forward in documenting the processes of implementation and use of the UN-IGIF in the Member States of the Region.
- i) *Expressed* appreciation to the Academic Network of the Americas for their collaboration in reviewing the questionnaire on geospatial information in English format, designed to learn about the status of UN-IGIF in the Americas.
- j) *Welcomed* the inclusion of the Dominican Republic, Argentina, and Guyana in the UN-IGIF Working Group of the Regional Committee. It also urged Member States to collaborate with this Group to contribute to the strategies and activities for the implementation of UN-IGIF in the region.
- k) *Urged* Member States to strengthen collaborative ties with the Academic Network and the Private Sector Network of the Americas, to strengthen and accelerate the implementation of the UN-IGIF.
- l) *Encouraged* Member States to document use cases and good practices related to the implementation of the UN-IGIF at the national, subnational, or thematic level, and to share them through dissemination channels at the regional and global levels.

2. Working Group on Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (GT-IIEG)

- a) *Welcomed* the incorporation of Argentina as a new member of the GT-IIEG, along with Mexico and Colombia, and acknowledged the valuable technical support of ECLAC, which strengthens the representativeness, governance, and sustainability of regional work aimed at strengthening statistical and geospatial integration in the Americas.
- b) *Welcomed* the implementation of a new web application for consulting and downloading the Geostatistical Framework for the Americas (MEGA 2.0), developed with technical support from ECLAC, which promotes the interoperability of geospatial and statistical data from official sources, allowing for automatic and real-time updates, facilitating the processes of requesting and sending data, optimizing the use of available technological tools, and ensuring its sustainability through interoperable services.
- c) *Expressed* appreciation for the broad support from the Member States of the region to be part of the working subgroup for the definition and implementation of new standardized geostatistical levels in the Statistical and Geospatial Framework of the Americas - MEGA, which will allow the definition of the technical and methodological specifications that will generate additional levels for the integration of statistical and geospatial information in MEGA, ensuring comparability and regional harmonization.

3. Working Group on the Strategic Framework for Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters

- a) *Urged* the Member States of the Americas to strengthen coordination between working groups and related organizations, such as the PAIGH, AmeriGEO, and other regional and global initiatives, to enhance the exchange of geospatial information, technical cooperation and the generation of joint capacities aimed at disaster risk management, adaptation to climate change, and territorial resilience.
- b) Respectfully *encouraged* Member States to review and submit, within the established deadlines, their observations and contributions to the technical documents prepared by the Regional Working Group on the Strategic Framework for Geospatial Information and Services in Disaster Situations, with the purpose of ensuring their technical validity, regional relevance, and coherence with regional priorities in geospatial information for risk management.

4. Working Group on the Geodetic Reference Frame for the Americas (GRFA)

- a) *Urged* Member States to continue 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 (IAG).

- b) *Noted* the report of the Subcommittee on Geodesy to promote the implementation of General Assembly resolution 69/266 of 26 February 2015 and called for “raising awareness of the importance of geodesy and strengthening empirical data on it, as a vital foundation for satellite services, in particular those related to time measurement and time synchronization, which support vital infrastructures, national economies and national security”.
- c) *Noted* resolution 15/103 Contribution of thematic networks to the global geospatial information agenda, item b) on “deepening cooperation and expanding efforts to support the development of coordinated training and education programs, particularly for developing countries, applying innovative approaches for sustainable development and capacity building and improving communication and advocacy” and invited Member States to support the training activities offered by SIRGAS, the Academic Network, the Private Sector of the Americas and the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UNGGCE), to participate and support their students, operators and scientists to attend future schools and the next SIRGAS symposium to be held in Uruguay.
- d) *Invited* Caribbean Member States to become members of SIRGAS to take advantage of opportunities to strengthen the capacities of the regional geodetic reference system and welcomed the expressions of interest in participating from Saint Lucia, Barbados, Dominica and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).
- e) *Welcomed* Jamaica, and soon Belize and Suriname, who have expressed their interest and fulfilled the formalities to become members of SIRGAS.
- f) *Noted* the work of the Subcommittee on Geodesy and the Centre of Excellence, with a view to raising awareness of the importance of geodetic observations, in particular Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI), in the creation of geodetic products needed for satellite operations, and welcomed the creation of a Subcommittee working group on frequency protection for geodetic observations, inviting members from the Americas to join the working groups.
- g) *Noted* that the Subcommittee's working group should adopt a collaborative and coordinated approach with spectrum management entities and the International Telecommunication Union to safeguard geodetic observations through national standards and international regulatory frameworks, and urged Member States to take the necessary actions with their radiofrequency regulatory agencies to include the protection of VLBI frequencies on the 2027 Agenda of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) as an agenda item for the 2031 WRC.
- h) *Suggested* that Member States exchange open geodetic information and support the maintenance of the global supply chain, in line with the recommendations of the UNGGCE.

- i) *Urged* SIRGAS member countries to promote the development of analysis centers for VLBI and Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR) geodetic techniques in the region, as well as GNSS data combination centers to ensure the continuity of consistent results sent to the IGS (International GNSS Service).

5. Working Group on Effective Land Management

- a) *Welcomed* the Working Group's proposal to promote the creation and provision of materials, tools and instruments to support Member States, with the purpose of strengthening national capacities and moving towards effective and sustainable territorial management.
- b) *Encouraged* the formation of working groups and collaborative networks at the national level, among institutions, specialized agencies and academic communities, to jointly address the priority issues and actions established in the Framework for Effective Land Management (FELA).
- c) *Supported* the design and implementation of a regional communication strategy, aimed at promoting awareness of the importance of effective land management, directed at the responsible national authorities and society in general.
- d) *Welcomed* the Working Group's proposal to establish systematic mechanisms for the transmission and dissemination of decisions, resolutions and actions undertaken by the Global Land Stewardship Group, supporting the initiatives proposed at the Fifteenth Session of UN-GGIM in New York.
- e) *Noted* and supported the implementation of a Hybrid Centre for Effective Land Management and encouraged the Americas to collaborate with the working group that will develop the proposal to be presented at the Sixteenth Session of UN-GGIM.

12/05

Regional and Interregional Cooperation

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Welcomed* the PAIGH report and valued 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 undertaken within the framework of the Joint Action Plan, and also valued the provision of resources for the development of the activities of the Regional Committee.

- b) *Noted* the report on the implementation of the interregional work plan of the UN-GGIM Regional Committees for the period 2024-2025, led by UN-GGIM: Americas.

12/06

Report of the Centers of Excellence

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Welcomed* the activity report of the UN-GGKIC, especially in actions supporting the implementation of the UN-IGIF at the national level.
- b) *Expressed* appreciation to the UN-GGKIC for conducting the “Workshop on the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework” on the sidelines of the Twelfth Session of UN-GGIM: Americas and for supporting the participation of Member States in these two important activities.
- c) *Noted* the activities planned by the UN-GGKIC for 2025 and 2026, aimed at strengthening capacities for the implementation of the UN-IGIF in the Americas region.
- d) *Welcomed* the activity report of the UN-GGCE. It welcomed the 1st Joint Development Plan for Global Geodesy (Joint Development Plan) as a mechanism to translate the geodetic needs of Member States and partners into strategic objectives and activities that, once achieved, will strengthen the global geodesy supply chain.
- e) *Encouraged* Member States to promote governance and cooperation mechanisms with the UN-GGCE, through the Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding between governments, technical organizations and the private sector, a document prepared by the Centre to advance this purpose.
- f) *Thanked* the UN-GGCE for conducting the Geodesy Capacity Development Workshop on Transitioning to a Modern Geospatial Reference System on the sidelines of the Twelfth Session of UN-GGIM: Americas.
- g) *Acknowledged* the advanced planning to establish the United Nations Global Geospatial Ecosystem Centre of Excellence in Saudi Arabia and took note of the organization of the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress, scheduled to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in November 2026.

12/07

Thematic Networks Report

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Acknowledged* the ongoing commitment of the Academic Network of the Americas (ANA) and the Private Sector Network of the Americas (PSNA) for their collective efforts to advance geospatial development through capacity building and collaboration. These partnerships remain essential for strengthening the region's geospatial capabilities and fostering sustainable progress.
- b) *Encouraged* strengthening ties and collaboration between the thematic networks and centers of excellence, UN-GGCE and UN-GGKIC, to promote coordinated initiatives in research, training, and innovation. These collaborations will enhance knowledge sharing, facilitate the implementation of global geospatial frameworks, and accelerate capacity-building efforts throughout the Americas region.
- c) *Urged* closer collaboration between thematic networks and Member States to strengthen institutional frameworks and promote the effective integration of geospatial information into national development strategies. These efforts will reinforce governance mechanisms and promote the adoption of innovative geospatial technologies in areas such as urban planning, environmental management, and sustainable infrastructure development.
- d) *Noted* the growing need to foster the development of future professionals in the geospatial field and welcomed the commitment of the Academic Network of the Americas to coordinate efforts with the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Young Surveyors Network to promote youth participation, knowledge exchange, and capacity-building initiatives that will strengthen the next generation of geospatial experts.
- e) *Expressed* appreciation to the Private Sector Network for its contribution to the enhancement of regional platforms related to metadata management. Encouraged Member States to update the documentation of their information products on this platform and to contact the Executive Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Americas and ECLAC to request any technical support they may require.

12/08

Use of Earth observation technologies and innovative methods for the production of geospatial and statistical data

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Noted* and welcomed the contributions that the GeoAI Community of Practice of the Americas, the Copernicus LAC Chile Project, and the ECLAC are making, with the purpose of promoting the use of Earth observation technologies and innovative methods for the production of geospatial and statistical data in the region.

12/09

GeoAI Community of Practice for the Americas

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Recalled* that UN-GGIM: Americas resolution 10/03 recommended the establishment of a working group to facilitate the adoption and implementation of Geo AI technology in the Member States and the private sector of the Regional Committee.
- b) *Recalled* that resolution 10/03 also recommended that Canada, in close collaboration with Member States and stakeholders who expressed their commitment, develop a program for this new task force, which was distributed to Member States of the Americas for their consideration prior to adoption.
- c) *Thanked* the representatives of 17 Member States, along with ECLAC, the Private Sector Network and the Academic Network of the Americas, for their collaboration in the convening, debate and definition of the scope of a new Geo AI Community of Practice within the framework of the Regional Committee.
- d) *Endorsed* and *approved* the creation of the GeoAI Community of Practice and its founding documents: the Terms of Reference and the 2025-2026 Work Plan.
- e) *Supported* the continued development and advancement of the Community of Practice's activities and future work plans, in accordance with the Terms of Reference.
- f) *Congratulated* the Member States and stakeholders who have agreed to lead the various components of this Work Plan.
- g) *Reaffirmed* the importance of Geo AI and its opportunities in the region.

- h) *Encouraged* Member States and stakeholders to actively contribute and collaborate on this initiative.
- i) *Encouraged* Member States to consider using GeoAI approaches as part of their national strategies to implement the UN-IGIF.
- j) *Invited* the GeoAI Community of Practice to identify priority areas where GeoAI can contribute to sustainable development outcomes.

12/10

UN-GGIM Americas Strategic Plan: 2025-2029

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Noted* the progress made in the preparation of the Regional Committee's 2025–2029 Strategic Plan, and provided observations aimed at simplifying its content, avoiding duplications, and facilitating the use of this document as a reference for the development of work plans for the working groups, thematic networks, subregions, and communities.
- b) *Welcomed* the Secretariat's proposal to circulate an updated version of this plan to Member States during November 2025.

12/11

Statutes of the Regional Committee

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Welcomed*, in accordance with Resolution 11/03 of UN-GGIM: Americas, the proposed update to its Statutes prepared by the Board, regarding Article 8, on the functions of the Members (countries); Article 10, Board of Directors; and Article 15, on the functions and responsibilities of the Vocals.
- b) *Provided* observations aimed at offering greater clarity in specific points of the articles included in the proposal, as well as on other aspects that have not been considered but are also subject to improvement for the purposes indicated.

The observations submitted by the Member States were agreed upon by consensus and will be incorporated into a new version of the Statutes document. This revised version will be

distributed in due course for its consideration and subsequent approval by the Regional Committee, in accordance with the agreed process.

12/12

Women's Community for UN-GGIM: Americas

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Recognized* the existence of gender disparities in the participation and leadership of women in the geospatial field and related technological disciplines; therefore, it is committed to supporting initiatives that promote a more inclusive and diverse environment, recognize the outstanding contribution of women in the geospatial field, and address the challenges to reduce these gaps.
- b) *Agreed* to the formation of the Community of Women for UN-GGIM: Americas and the establishment of a working committee to develop its terms of reference.

12/13

Acknowledgment from Jamaica the support received during the Hurricane Melissa

- a) Jamaica *extended* sincere heartfelt appreciation to the Board of UN-GGIM: Americas, UNECLAC - Port of Spain, CEPAL - Santiago de Chile, their Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative (CARIGEO) Steering Committee and Caribbean family, in addition to wider Americas family for all the prayers, words of encouragement and support extended prior to, during, and post the passing of Hurricane Melissa, which devastated the island from October 26 - 29, 2025.
- b) Jamaica *recognized* and offered support to their fellow Caribbean family in Antigua & Barbuda, Bermuda, Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Haiti who have also suffered varied effects from tropical storms and hurricanes during the current North Atlantic Hurricane season.
- c) *Extended* gratitude for the expressions of support for collaboration, coordination and the mobilization of resources to aid Jamaica and fellow Caribbean member states as discussed during the CARIGEO side event of the 12th UN-GGIM Americas Session. This being pivotal as Member States seek to rescue, recover, and rebuild more resilient societies, given the impacts suffered during the 2025 North Atlantic Hurricane Season.

12/14

New Directive Board UN-GGIM: Americas

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Noted* the report delivered by the Regional Committee Executive Secretariat regarding the process carried out to receive the nominations and the election of the new Directive Board of UN-GGIM: Americas for the period 2025-2029.
- b) *Acknowledged* the new composition of this Directive Board with Chile playing the roles of President and Executive Secretariat; Brazil as Vice-president; Canada as Vocal for North America; Jamaica as Vocal for the Caribbean; Panama as Vocal for Central America; and Colombia as Vocal for South America.
- c) *Recognized* that, in accordance with the current statute, the Technical Secretariat of UN-GGIM: Americas is under the responsibility of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

12/15

Thirteenth Session of UN-GGIM: Americas

UN-GGIM: Americas:

- a) *Noted* Panama's interest in hosting the Thirteenth Session of the Regional Committee in October 2026 and thanked the National Land Administration Authority of Panama (ANATI) for offering their country as the venue for this regional meeting.