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**UN-IGIF**  
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INFORMATION FRAMEWORK

## Working Group on Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in the Americas (UN-IGIF)

### What we know about the UN-IGIF in the region

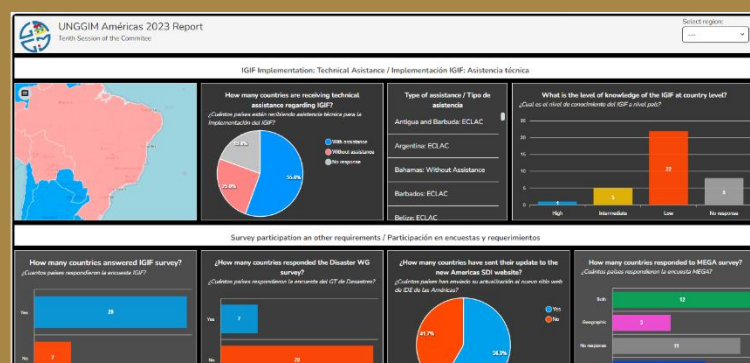
Between July and September 2023, a regional survey was conducted to identify the efforts carried out by the countries in relation to the UN-IGIF.

The results have been presented through a dashboard that offers a Visual representation of the implementation status of the 9 pathways, UN-IGIF's strategic objectives in the region .

This information has been key to the proposals of the UN-IGIF Working Group for the Americas, with the goal of moving forward towards the full implementation of UN-IGIF in the region .

### Survey objectives

- Acquire greater knowledge about the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (9 strategic pathways) in the countries of the region.
- Increase the implementation of the UN-IGIF in the region.
- Communicate and disseminate actions that help countries understand the UN-IGIF.



To consult the survey details, please use the following link:  
<https://idembn.bienes.cl/UNGGIM-Americas/dashboard/419>

# Strategic Pathway 1: Governance and Institutions



On April 24, 2024, the first discussion panel on “Governance and Institutions” was held. It addressed the importance of strengthening Strategic Pathway 1 through the shared vision of Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Co-chair of the UN-GIF High-Level Group, and Claudio Stenner, representing Brazil.

Finally, representatives from Argentina, Chile, Panama, the Dominican Republic, and Saint Lucia shared their experiences, challenges, and best practices in implementing this strategic pathway.

[\(Link to presentations\)](#)

## Getting to know the UN-IGIF Strategic Pathways

- The UN-IGIF allows countries to develop national Geospatial Information plans by developing 9 strategic pathways. These pathways have a national focus that takes into account the circumstances, priorities, and national perspectives.

- In order to provide practical knowledge about the pathways, a series of webinars have been planned, aimed at the geospatial community. To date, three webinars have been offered on: Governance and Institutions; Policy and Legislation; and Data.

## Strategic Pathway 2: Policy and Legal



In this second discussion on “Policy and Legal”, Eliud Gutiérrez shared Chile’s experience in formulating its National Geospatial Information Policy.

In addition, representatives from Colombia and Costa Rica briefly shared their experiences in implementing Strategic Pathway 2. [\(Link to presentations\)](#)

## Document translation

Documents translated into Spanish and Portuguese are now available, thanks to the collaboration of the UN-GGIM HLG-IGIF Working Group on Strengthening Capacity Development.

Available here: <https://ggim.un.org/UN-IGIF/>

## UN-GGIM: Americas meeting



During the Fourteenth Session of UN-GGIM held in New York City, UN-GGIM: Americas held a side event that addressed the promotion of the effective use of geospatial information to support decision-making and public policies in the Americas. During this meeting, each member provided an account of the current situation in each subregion. This analysis, based on the collection of information by country carried out between April and June 2024, has provided a fundamental baseline for the promotion of collaborative work in the region.

## Fourth Plenary Meeting of the High Level Group on Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF)



The meeting was an opportunity to present best practices including financial reports, national work plans, strategic resources for SDI. The regional committees presented their UN-IGIF work programs in order to avoid duplication of efforts and maximize resources by unifying some viable strategies for all regions.



## SDG Meeting: Data Alliance with countries implementing their National Action Plans

Challenges and opportunities in the implementation of UN-IGIF were discussed with advisors and senior executives of the SDG: Data Alliance project, as well as coordinators from the Americas, Africa and Asia. Best practices and improvements in the methodology for achieving the National Action Plans were highlighted.

## Strategic Pathway 4: Data



On November 27, 2024, the third discussion was held: Strategic Pathway 4, "Data". Mexico, Barbados and Argentina presented their experiences in the production, quality controls, integration and publication of data. [Link to presentations](#)

Check the information detailed in the website: <https://www.un-ggim-americas.org/>