

Americas Organizations

What other groups are supporting Education and Capacity Development?

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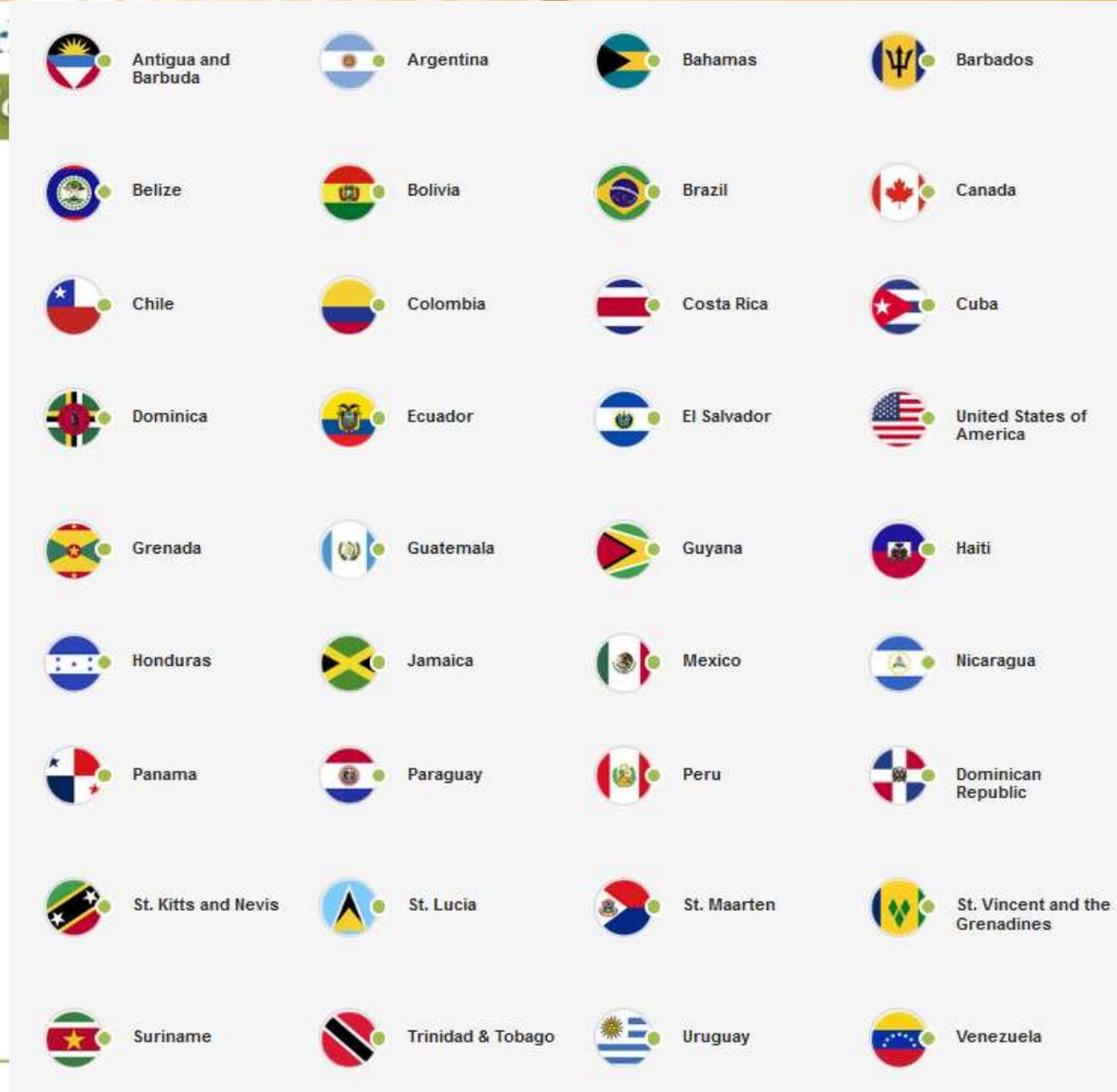
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UN-GGIM =>  UN-GGIM:Americas

- UNRCC-Americas
 - Regional Cartographic Conference of the Americas
- 1997: PC-GDIA
 - Permanent Committee for Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas
- 2011: UN-GGIM created in 2011
- 2014: PC-GDIA => UN-GGIM-Americas



ECOSOC => ECLAC

- 1948: Economic Commission for Latin America
- 1984: Caribbean region added - ECLAC
- 46 countries: 33 in Cent/South America and Caribbean and 13 others with ties



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Economic

Economic development

International trade and integration

Production, productivity and management

Social

Social development

Population and development

Environmental

Sustainable development and human settlements

Natural resources

Cross-cutting

2030 Agenda

Gender affairs

Planning for development

Statistics



Organization of American States OAS



- Antecedents go back a long way
- 1948: effectively established
- 35 countries of the Americas
 - 1962/2009 resolutions on Cuba
- Regional Treaty organization

Pan American Institute of Geography and History



- PAIGH established in 1928
- Technical and scientific body of OAS
- Four commissions – [Cartography](#), [Geography](#), [History](#), and [Geophysics](#)
- Only 21 Nations of the Americas
- Funding not available to non-members



A IGO that improves the availability, access and use of EO for a sustainable planet.

GEO Member Map for the year 2021
(Click on the map to change the year)



Number of Members (2021)

Africa:	31
Americas:	20
Asia/Oceania:	22
C.I.S.:	6
Europe:	35
Total:	114

Number of Members by year



- A Framework for Advancing Data Driven Decision Making
- GEO members in the Americas
- Focus on five selected and prioritized Societal Benefit Areas



The Aguascalientes Declaration

- Joint Virtual session of UN-GGIM: Americas and AmeriGEO in September 2020
- *Better together: Geospatial information for decision making in the Americas*
- Includes all countries in **North, Central, and South America, and the Caribbean**
- Joint Work strategies & programs to advance regional integration of geospatial data
- Creation of a **geospatial data technical library** of regional projects, initiatives, registry of technical experts, methods, models, good practices, legislation, etc.
- Work together to **advance sharing, interoperability and integration of geospatial data** and other new and emerging data sources
- Foster cross sector and interdisciplinary **global, regional and local collaboration**
- Strengthen awareness and capacity for least developed countries including SIDS

The Joint Action Plan

History

- Signed at PAIGH meeting in Buenos Aires in 2012 (PAIGH, SIRGAS, CP-IDEA, and GEOSUR)
- Focused on development of the Americas Spatial Data Infrastructure
- Updated in 2020 to incorporate efforts to
 - Build the Integrated Map of Central America (MIAC)
 - Prepare the Integrated Map of South America (MIAS).
- 2nd version presented UN GGIM 6th session in New York in 2016
 - Considered the Aguascalientes Declaration signed 2020
 - Regional organizations in the Americas should work together
 - Advance regional integration to build a Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI)
 - Geospatial data: Earth Observations, geographic, statistical and thematic information

Joint Action Plan: Outcomes of the Aguascalientes Declaration

Developed with Member States of regional organizations, such as the PAIGH, UN-GGIM: Americas, AmeriGEO, SICA, ECLAC, SIRGAS, RedCLARA and UNEP. Three founded working groups:

1. Capacity Development
2. Communication, Cooperation, and Coordination
3. Data, Information, and Knowledge Sharing



- The intention of this renewed Joint Action Plan is to **improve coordination and dialogue among the Member States and relevant international organizations** to share experiences in the application of geospatial data to establish good practices and the adoption and use of technologies to support the decision-making process.
- Its objectives include promoting **the integration of geospatial data** to formulate a comprehensive approach **to solving national and regional issues and challenges.**

Summary and Next Steps

- Many IGO's and NGO's operating throughout the Americas
- Many have overlapping areas of interest
- Joint Action Plan for best collaboration
- Focus though is on government agencies
- What about education and capacity development of professionals in private sector?
- They have to use the equipment in the reference frames and follow all standards and laws that the Nations agree to use





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I look forward to future collaboration

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