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Caribbean Sub-región & CARIGEO Initiatives

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CARIGEO Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative

GEO-EMPOWERING THE CARIBBEAN

Initiative:

Implemented by the Americas Regional Committee of UN-GGIM (UN-GGIM: Americas).

Objective: Improve Geospatial Data Infrastructures at the national and regional levels.









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Caribbean Resolution implementation



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CHAPTER IV: CARIBBEAN RESOLUTION

- 1. Within the framework of the Tenth Session of UN-GGIM: Americas, the focal points of Caribbean member states - Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and St. Lucia met informally to discuss the management and future of the Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative (CARIGEO) programme, including the representation and participation of member states, and the limited financial and other resources, which negatively impact the management of geospatial information.
- 2. To address these limitations and towards seeking greater levels of support, member states drafted and presented a resolution that sought to urge Caribbean governments to allocate resources to strengthen geospatial information management, in addition to encouraging greater international support for the subregion.
- 3. This resolution, entitled "Sustainable financing for geospatial information management for the Caribbean" was led by Guyana, supported by Antigua and Barbuda and submitted by Jamaica, as Caribbean Vocal of UN-GGIM: Americas.

Caribbean Resolution

UN-GGIM: Americas, through the Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative (CARIGEO),

- a) Champions empowering the countries and territories of the Caribbean region to advance the use and sharing of integrated geospatial, statistical and related information, being core to supporting improved decision making for sustainable national and regional development;
- Beaffirms the key role of collaboration and partnerships among UN agencies. Caribbean regional organizations and the public sector of Caribbean Member States and Territories, geospatial private sector organizations, academic institutions and civil society representatives to facilitate "Geo-Empowered Caribbean Development";
- c) Acknowledges the gaps and challenges with current funding for geospatial-related initiatives and the need to identify sustainable and innovative mechanisms for funding geospatial information development and management within the Caribbean subregion;
- d) Recalls the guidance of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN) IGIF) Strategic Pathways, in particular Pathways 3 (Financing) and 9 (Partnerships);
- e) Encourages Caribbean Member States and Territories to assess, identify and adequately fund underlying geospatial information development and management activities needed to sustainably





support and optimize the economic, social and environmental benefits derived from prioritized national development goals;

- f) Further encourages Caribbean Member States and Territories to utilize public funding mechanisms such as national and institutional current and capital budgets and cost sharing arrangements among government agencies.
- g) Draws the attention of national mapping, statistical and geospatial agencies of Caribbean Member States and Territories to the identification and use of appropriate subscription models and data licensing fees;
- h) Advises the deliberate exploration and implementation of strategic public-private partnerships to discover and access cost sharing and financing in win-win collaborations, including international support for Caribbean governments and stakeholders;
- i) Recommends that geospatial-related public-private partnerships be explored and considered to leverage opportunities in data partnerships, capacity development, technology and system integration, advisory and governance aspects and research and innovation;
- j) Calls on donor organizations and countries as well as Caribbean Member States and territories to actively seek mutually agreed on scope and conditions for grant funding partnerships, including international cooperation, focused on geospatial initiatives and innovations undertaken in the Caribbean region:
- k) In closing, strongly encourages the preparation and communication of value propositions and benefits realization of investing in geospatial information and technological solutions that support sustainable national development amongst Caribbean Member States and Territories.



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Future Goals, Activities & Opportunities



Future Goals & Activities



- Foster greater communication with Caribbean member states and understanding of their geospatial needs
- Support National IGIF Workshops within Caribbean Member States to support implementation
- Host second Caribbean IGIF Workshop (2025)
- Host GeoStats Awareness Programme & Student Competition within Caribbean (2024 2025)
- ✤ Host CARIGEO webinar on "Lessons Learnt post Hurricane Beryl" (November 7, 2024)





Future Goals & Activities

- Facilitate Caribbean geoportal maintenance and upkeep
- Facilitate capacity development initiatives throughout the Caribbean
- Support global frameworks implementation within the Caribbean e.g. IGIF, Strategic Framework, GSGF etc.
- Supporting Copernicus LAC project implementation within the Caribbean

Opportunities

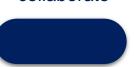


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Opportunities to partner and collaborate







Encourage Member States support & integral participation





Encourage regional and international bodies support











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