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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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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;
- b) *Reaffirms* 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



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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

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- ❖ 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)

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- ❖ 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



Continued support of UN-GGIM: Americas Board & Secretariat



Opportunities to partner and collaborate



Encourage Member States support & integral participation



Encourage regional and international bodies support



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