

Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

Tenth session

Item 4 - Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda

Report of the UN-GGIM: Private Sector Network

The UN-GGIM: Private Sector Network for the Americas, in keeping with its 2020 workplan, has undertaken the following:

- a) Greater engagement in the Americas and together with the Academic Network and the UN-GGIM Working Group on Geospatial Data and Services for Disasters successfully led a [Virtual Geospatial Summit](#) on 8 April 2020 focused on using geospatial information in the fight against COVID-19. The report and recording on the event are available on the webpage of the summit.
- b) Started its Webinar Series and held the first webinar that featured Esri discussing [COVID-19 moving from response to recovery](#).
- c) Supported Member States in the region in their response to COVID-19.
- d) Participated in UNGGIM: America's activities and working groups.
- e) Participated in the CARIGEO initiative being led by UN-GGIM Americas.

The UN-GGIM: Private Sector Network for Asia and the Pacific has 40 registered private sector company representatives. For the reporting period PSN Asia-Pacific accomplished the following:

- a) Convened a PSN meeting on the margins of the ninth session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM in August 2019 in New York.
- b) Four representatives of PSN Asia-Pacific attended the Eighth Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Asia Pacific, held from 3 to 5 November 2019 in Canberra, Australia. PSN Asia-Pacific held brief meetings with the new President, Ms. Alison Rose, UN-GGIM Asia-Pacific, and discussed future collaborative efforts.
- c) The network participated in the UN-GGIM-AP webinar, strengthening regional cooperation in geospatial data sharing for mitigation of COVID-19 pandemics and the Sixth High Level Virtual Forum on UN-GGIM.
- d) Comments on the draft Future Trends report were submitted to the UN-GGIM Secretariat.
- e) Dr. Zaffar Sadiq Mohamed-Ghouse was appointed as the new Vice Chair for UN-GGIM: PSN Asia-Pacific on 23 June 2020.
- f) PSN Asia-Pacific proposes to convene a virtual meeting in August 2020 to coordinate the review and preparation of comments on the reports and documents for the tenth session of the Committee of Experts. An active participation of the network members is expected in future UN-GGIM activities.
- g) Contributing to the GIS and Body of Knowledge Draft for GIS for Equity and Social Justice Best Practice Document.