
Tenth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas
of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 19–21 November 2019

**DECLARATION ON THE INTEGRATION OF GEOSPATIAL AND STATISTICAL
INFORMATION BETWEEN THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
AND THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL
GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FOR THE AMERICAS**

The members of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the members of the Board of Directors of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas, meeting in Santiago on 20 November 2019 at the tenth meeting of the Conference,

1. *Reaffirm* their commitment to strengthening institutional links to move forward with the process of integration of statistical and geospatial information at the regional level, based on the understanding that the result of that integration is a crucial input for evidence-based decision-making that contributes to the sustainable development and prosperity of the countries of the region;
2. *Recognize* the importance of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and its five guiding principles, as adopted by the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management and the Statistical Commission of the United Nations;
3. *Urge* the Governments of the region to establish governance mechanisms that will better support the joint work of national statistical offices, national statistical systems and national mapping agencies, to consolidate national spatial data infrastructure and to implement at the national level the five guiding principles of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework, through the establishment of national geostatistical frameworks;

4. *Undertake* to establish mechanisms and initiatives to strengthen cooperation, the exchange of good practices and the transfer of knowledge to support the integration of statistical and geospatial information, taking advantage of the experience of the countries that have made the most progress in these areas;

5. *Urge* national statistical and geospatial communities to work in a coordinated and collaborative manner on the Statistical and Geospatial Framework for the Americas (MEGA) project, and to contribute to broadening its thematic diversity and increasing its levels of territorial disaggregation;

6. *Request* that the secretariat and the Chair of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean circulate this statement to all members of the Conference;

7. *Also request* that the President of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas circulate this Declaration to all member countries of said Regional Committee and present the Declaration at its seventh session, which will take place in 2020.