

Academic Network Americas presentation



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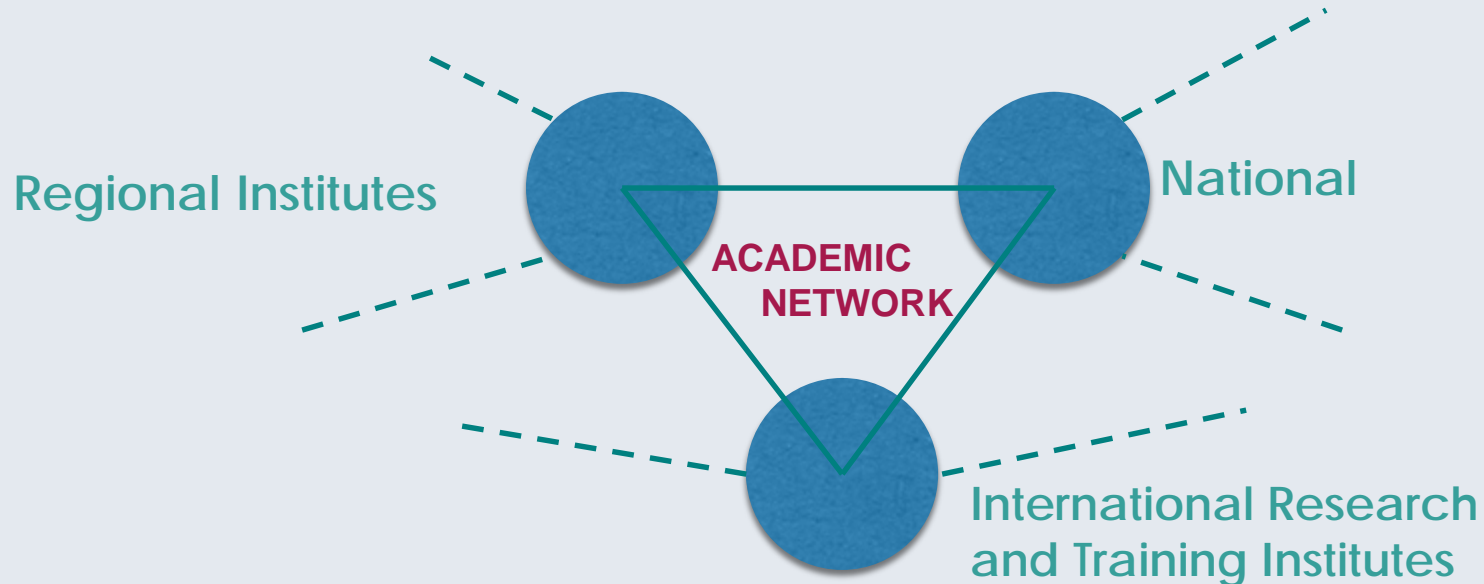
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UN-GGIM World academic network



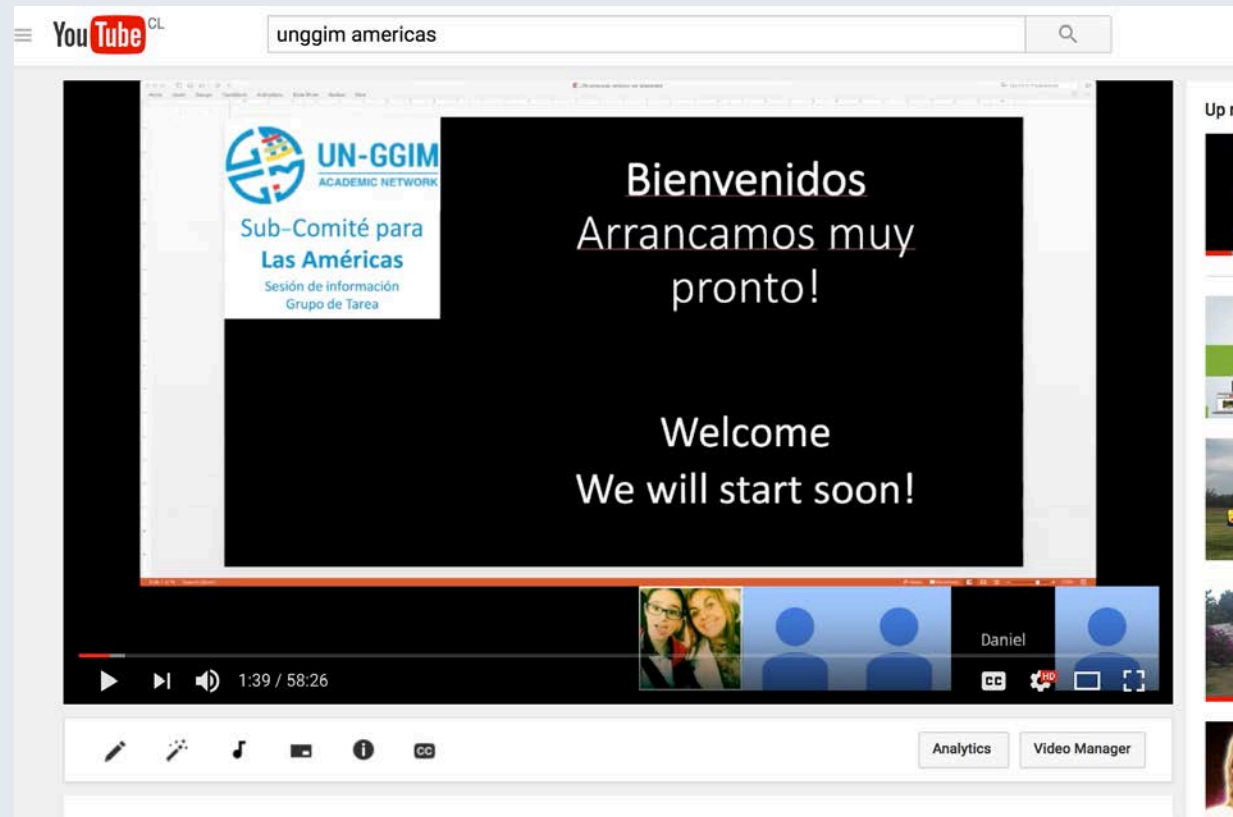
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After conversations with multiple academic members in the region and by initiative of Prof Beshem Rarlal we propose UN-GGIM Americas to:

- Support the Formation of a task team to develop the ANA (Academic Network America)
- Request the Task force to:
 - Provide advice on an appropriate relationship of ANA to the UN-GGIM academic network
 - Create a database of interest researchers in the region
 - Report back to UN-GGIM Americas on its recommendation

A webSeminar was conducted in February

- 22 February
- Over 35 live participants
- Allowed constitution of the Workforce



A draft ToR were developed and discussed with member of the Taksforce

- Taskforce
 - Daniel Páez (Colombia) – Chair
 - Bsheshem Ramlal (Trinidad)
 - Rosario Casanova (Uruguay)
 - Daniel Del Cogliano (Argentina)
 - Jorge Pardo (México)
 - Carlos Lopez (IPGH)



Terms of Reference

- The primary objective of the UN-GGIM Academic Network Americas (ANA) is to be a subsidiary of the UN-GGIM World Academic Network to **support academically the aims and objectives** of the UN-GGIM Americas region.
- The Americas network will facilitate **access to research and education capabilities for UN-GGIM** by producing knowledge in Spanish, Portuguese, and English (maybe french)
- **coalition of recognized universities and education centers** involved in research, development and education on geospatial information and related matters in different parts of the Americas region. Similar to the World Network, UN-GGIM ANA will run on a volunteer basis.

Functions

- Provide academic **advice and guidance** to UN-GGIM World Academic Network concerning strategic knowledge, research, education and training;
- Serve as a **subsidiary arm for UN-GGIM World Academic Network** and its related organizations and affiliated members in achieving its visions and goals based on needs in the Americas region;
- Provide a forum for **coordination and dialogue among academics and researchers** from the geospatial information management community with a view to advance activities related to competencies and qualifications needed for the administration, management, and use of geospatial information,

Functions

- To identify and **respond to challenges** and opportunities in which UN-GGIM World Academic Network and related members can achieve their visions;
- **Translate important documents** from the World Network into Spanish and Portuguese when appropriate;
- Advise on land administration education and **capacity building** programs of the UN-GGIM in the Americas;
- **Offer advice in response to UN-GGIM Americas questions**, identify and inform UN-GGIM concerning academic knowledge gaps or problems that may exist or arise, and propose initiatives as appropriate to address such questions and challenges;

Functions

- Create and maintain an **inventory of leading international education programs** in the Americas, open to and recommended for UN-GGIM actors;
- Encourage Americas Countries to undertake research and academic works that is able to **contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals** of the UN and other areas as appropriate, including: access to land and property rights; ownership; land degradation; rapid urbanization; and climate change, in coordination with other expert entities;
- Undertake activities that foster **collaboration between universities and research centers in the Americas**, including identifying and addressing common research topics and overarching trends;
- Encourage the development and sharing of **geospatial analytical tools and technologies** in the Americas.

Membership, Composition and Terms of Office



- Ideally all members of the Board would be from different countries

Membership

- Only universities, **academic institutions and research centers headquartered in nations that are part of the UN-GGIM Americas** may apply for membership
- In order to become a ANA member, an Expression of Interest (EOI) Form should be **submitted online.**
- All membership application would be **reviewed and decided by the Advisory board of ANA.** Existing members of UN-GGIM World Academic Network would be admitted automatically.

Proposed Activities

- To achieve these objectives, ANA initial work plan will focus on the following:
 - **Review of the current UN-GGIM Americas work plan** to identify areas for support and input;
 - **Promotion of the Network** to potential member institutions;
 - **Registry of current capabilities, degree programs, training programs, research, and courses**, relevant to UN-GGIM gathered as part of the membership application process as well as through additional means
 - First meeting is going to be in Cartagena, Colombia as part of the FIG Commission 7 Conference and Annual Meeting that is taking place between **4th-8th December 2017**.

December 2017 Cartagena – Colombia

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FIG Annual meeting and First meeting ANA



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