1) Background

According to bylaws approved during the III E-Government Ministerial Meeting and VIII Red GEALC Meeting held in Cartagena, Colombia, on December 3 and 4, 2014, the Executive Committee must prepare the Annual Work Plan and submit it to the General Assembly for approval.

The 2021 Executive Committee, consisting of Argentina, Belize, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Panama, Paraguay and Trinidad & Tobago (under Colombia’s presidency), supported by OAS in the role of Technical Secretariat, IDB as promoting agency and the Network’s manager, has prepared the following 2022 Work Plan.

2) Purpose

The Annual Work Plan is the tool that coordinates actions aimed at achieving Red GEALC’s objectives to “promote and keep spaces for reflection, mutual knowledge, horizontal technical cooperation, training and exchange of experiences among e-government agencies or bodies in the region, in order to contribute to strengthen e-government practices, as well as to promote bonds among governments and society organizations and international agencies”.

3) Work areas

3.1) Cross-border services

Purpose: To generate capacities and to support the implementation of the cross-border e-signature and digital services to speed up adoption regionally, strengthening reliable and safe e-transactions to promote digital economy and e-government in a framework of integration based on a collaborative model defined by the Red GEALC member countries as a regional public asset.
3.1.1) Two regional interoperability pilot projects
Venue: TBD or virtual.
Date: first semester 2022.
Resources: IDB RPG funds and participating agencies working time.

3.1.2) Cross-border interoperability regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Date: first semester 2022.
Resources: IDB RPG funds and participating agencies working time.

3.1.3) Cross-border digital signature regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Date: first semester 2022.
Resources: IDB RPG funds and participating agencies working time.

3.1.4) Cross-border interoperability regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Second semester 2022.
Resources: IDB RPG funds and participating agencies working time.

3.1.5) 3.1.3) Cross-border digital signature regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Second semester 2021.
Resources: IDB RPG funds and participating agencies working time.

3.1.6) Consolidation of a regional cross-border digital service document.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Date: Annual.
Resources: IDB RPG funds.

3.1.7) At least four cross-border interoperability work group meetings and four cross-border digital signature work group meetings
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: IDB RPG funds and participating agencies working time.

3.1.8) Feed the space on this theme on the Red GEALC Web
Venue: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: IDB RPG funds.

3.2) Open data

Purpose: To deepen efforts to generate and strengthen open data, as well as policies and initiatives to open data regionally.
3.2.1) Abrelatam – Condatos: support in the conduct of the two conferences in 2022 and implementation of a GobCamp of open data in the framework of the two conferences.
Date: TBD.
Venue: TBD.
Resources: Working group time.

3.2.2) Working group meetings
Date: TBD (4 every year).
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.2.3) Two exchange meetings on the progress of the implementation of PIDA in the relevant countries.
Date: TBD.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.2.4) Two technical exchanges on data set opening and open data use to prevent and fight corruption.
Date: TBD.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.3) Cybersecurity

Purpose: To contribute to generate useful input to prepare and implement cybersecurity policies for the countries in the region.

3.3.1) Regional webinar on the subject matter.
Venue: Virtual.
Date: First semester 2022.
Resources: Working group time.

3.3.2) Regional webinar on the subject matter.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester 2022.
Resources: Working group time.

3.3.3) Regional Document
Date: Second semester 2022.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.
3.3.4) Working group meetings  
Date: Quarterly (4 every year).  
Venue: Virtual exchanges.  
Resources: Working group time.

3.3.5) Feed the space on this theme on the Red GEALC Web  
Venue: Virtual.  
Date: Annual.  
Resources: IDB.

3.4) Digital government measurement
Purpose: To become a support platform for research conducted in the framework of Red GEALC in accordance with the promoting agencies.

3.4.1) To support regional studies on digital government public policies.  
Date: According to need.  
Venue: Virtual exchanges.  
Resources: Working group time.

3.4.2) Under definition by the working group.

3.5) Public sector innovation
Purpose: To make progress on the exchange of good practices to strengthen the implementation of innovation policies of the public sector in the region.

3.5.1) Public innovation regional webinar.  
Venue: Virtual  
Date: First semester 2022.  
Resources: Working group time.

3.5.2) Second regional webinar on public innovation.  
Venue: Virtual  
Date: Second semester 2022.  
Resources: Working group time.

3.5.3) Working group meetings  
Date: Quarterly (4 every year).  
Venue: Virtual exchanges.  
Resources: Working group time.

3.6) Emerging technologies
Purpose: To identify emerging technologies and to promote knowledge on the subject
matter to support digital transformation in the region.

3.6.1) Emerging technologies regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual
Date: First semester 2022.
Resources: Working group time.

3.6.2) Second regional webinar on emerging technologies.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester 2022.
Resources: Working group time.

3.6.3) Regional document update
Date: Annual.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.6.4) Working group meetings
Date: Quarterly (4 every year).
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.7) Public software

Purpose: To make progress on the co-creation and adjustment of public software based on the collaborative model defined by Red GEALC member countries as a regional public asset.

3.7.1) Public software regional webinar.
Venue: Virtual
Date: First semester 2022.
Resources: Working group time.

3.7.2) Second regional webinar on public software.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester 2022.
Resources: Working group time.

3.7.3) Drafting of regional document.
Date: Annual.
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.7.4) Working group meetings.
Date: Quarterly (4 every year).
Venue: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working group time.

3.8) Cross-sectional
Purpose: To disseminate the progress made by the region on e-government around Red GEALC and to share working group actions in a cross-sectional manner.

3.8.1) Updating content on Red GEALC’s web and social media.
Date: Annual.
Venue: Virtual.
Resources: IDB.

3.8.2) To strengthen the network’s positioning and to coordinate with other mechanisms.
Date: Annual.
Venue: Virtual.
Resources: Executive Committee working time.

3.8.3) Digital citizenship regional webinar
Date: First semester 2022.
Venue: Virtual.
Resources: Working group time.

3.8.4) Working groups cross-sectional webinar
Date: Second semester 2022.
Venue: Virtual.
Resources: Working group time.

3.9) Red GEALC Annual and Ministerial Meeting
Purpose: Meeting of top authorities from the region.

3.9.1) VII Ministerial Meeting and XVI Annual Meeting Action Plan.
Venue: Virtual
Date: First semester 2022.
Resources: Executive Committee working time.

3.9.2) Meeting documents.
Venue: Virtual
Date: Second semester 2022.
Resources: Executive Committee working time.

3.9.3) Meeting conduct and document approval.
Venue: Lima, Peru.
Date: Second semester 2022.
Resources: Network member countries’ working time.