1. Background

In accordance with the bylaws approved during the III Electronic Government Ministerial Meeting and VIII Meeting of GEALC Network held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on December 3 and 4, 2014, the Executive Committee must prepare the Annual Work Plan and submit it for approval at the Annual Assembly. The 2022 Executive Committee, consisting of Bolivia, Brazil, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay and Trinidad & Tobago (under the presidency of Ecuador), supported by the OAS in the role of Technical Secretariat, the IDB as promoting body, and the Manager of the Network, executed the 2023 Work Plan approved at the XVI Annual Assembly of GEALC Network (Lima, Peru, November 11, 2022).

The 2023 Executive Committee, consisting of Bolivia, Brazil, Dominica, Guatemala, Peru, Dominican Republic, Suriname and Uruguay (under the presidency of Peru), supported by the OAS in the role of Technical Secretariat, the IDB as the promoting body, and the Manager of the Network, presents this execution report.

2) Purpose

The Annual Work Plan is the tool that organizes actions in the pursuit of the objective of GEALC Network, to “promote and maintain spaces for reflection, mutual understanding, horizontal technical cooperation, training and exchange of experiences, among electronic government agencies or bodies of the region, with the purpose to strengthen electronic government practices, as well as to build bonds between governments, society organizations and international organizations.”

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1Source: Red GEALC Bylaws: https://www.redGEALC.org/sobre-red-GEALC/estatutos/
3) **Work areas**

3.1) **Cross-border services**

Objective: To generate capacity and support the implementation of cross-border electronic signature and cross-border digital services in order to accelerate adoption in the region, strengthening reliable and safe electronic transactions in an effort to promote digital economies and governments in the context of integration.

3.1.1) Regional cross-border digital signature webinar.
Location: Brasilia.
Date: September 19.
Executed ².

3.1.2) Regional cross-border interoperability webinar.
Location: Virtual.
Date: 2nd. semester.
To be held on November 20 ³.

3.1.3) Update of the list of trusted lists of cross-border digital signature.
Location: Florianopolis, Brazil.
Date: April 18.
Executed ⁴.

3.1.4) Update of the regional document on cross-border digital services.
Location: Virtual meetings.
Date: Annual.
Executed ⁵.

3.1.5) Cross-border interoperability working group meetings.
Location: Virtual.
Date: 4 a year.

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² [https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/se-realizara-encuen tro-de-consolidacion-de-la-firma-digital-transfronteriza-en-paises-del-mercosur/](https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/se-realizara-encuen tro-de-consolidacion-de-la-firma-digital-transfronteriza-en-paises-del-mercosur/)

³ [https://www.redGEALC.org/site/assets/files/16337/agenda_track_transfronterizo_red_GEALC_2023.pdf](https://www.redGEALC.org/site/assets/files/16337/agenda_track_transfronterizo_red_GEALC_2023.pdf)

⁴ [https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/taller-posdata-lista-de-listas-mercador/](https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/taller-posdata-lista-de-listas-mercador/)

⁵ [https://www.redGEALC.org/site/assets/files/16343/actualizacion_de_los_documentos_de_consenso_del_programa_par a_el_fortalecer_de_las_transacciones_electronicas_transfr.pdf](https://www.redGEALC.org/site/assets/files/16343/actualizacion_de_los_documentos_de_consenso_del_programa_par a_el_fortalecer_de_las_transacciones_electronicas_transfr.pdf)
3.1.6) Meetings of the cross-border digital signature working group.
Location: Virtual.
Date: 4 a year.
Executed (May 6, June 7, July 8, August 9, September 10, October 11).

3.1.7) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Executed 18.

3.2) Open data

Objective: To redouble efforts to develop and strengthen open data, as well as regional open data policies and initiatives.

3.2.1) Regional webinar on the subject.
Location: Virtual.
Date: 1st semester.

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6 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-mayo-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
7 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/se-realizaron-las-reuniones-de-junio-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-red-GEALC/
8 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reunion-de-julio-del-grupo-de-trabajo-en-firma-digital-e-interoperabilidad/
9 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-agosto-de-2023/
10 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-setiembre-2023-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
11 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/grupos-tematicos-de-firma-digital-y-de-ciberseguro-elaboran-agenda-de-sus-tracks-tematicos/
12 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-mayo-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
13 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/se-realizaron-las-reuniones-de-junio-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-red-GEALC/
14 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reunion-de-julio-del-grupo-de-trabajo-en-firma-digital-e-interoperabilidad/
15 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-agosto-de-2023/
16 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-setiembre-2023-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
17 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/grupos-tematicos-de-firma-digital-y-de-ciberseguro-elaboran-agenda-de-sus-tracks-tematicos/
18 https://www.redGEALC.org/lineas-de-trabajo/servicios-transfronterizos/
Executed through decentralized activities for the International Day on Open Data at the request of the Technical Secretariat (OAS)\(^{19}\), complemented with our participation in the IDB\(^{20}\) webinar.

3.2.2) Regional webinar on the subject.
Location: Virtual
Date: 2nd semester.
To be held on November 20.

3.2.3) Regional document.
Date: 2nd. semester.
Location: Virtual exchanges.
Carried out through a concept note for the new Data Governance and Artificial Intelligence\(^{21}\)ad-hoc group.

3.2.4) Regional GobCamp.
Date: 2nd. semester.
Place: Montevideo, Uruguay.
Executed, October 31\(^{22}\).

3.2.5) Working group meetings.
Date: 4 a year.
Location: Virtual meetings.
Executed\(^{23}\), including the creation and launching of work by the Data Governance and Artificial Intelligence\(^{24}\)ad-hoc group.

3.3) Cybersecurity

Objective: To contribute with the development of useful inputs to create and implement cybersecurity policies in the countries of the region.

3.3.1) Regional webinar on the subject.
Location: Virtual.

\(^{19}\) [https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/dia-internacional-de-los-datos-abiertos-edicion-2023/](https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/dia-internacional-de-los-datos-abiertos-edicion-2023/)

\(^{20}\) [https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/presentacion-de-guia-para-la-preparacion-de-estrategias-de-datos/](https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/presentacion-de-guia-para-la-preparacion-de-estrategias-de-datos/)

\(^{21}\) [https://www.redGEALC.org/site/assets/files/16345/grupo_de_trabajo_ad-hoc_concept_f_publica.pdf](https://www.redGEALC.org/site/assets/files/16345/grupo_de_trabajo_ad-hoc_concept_f_publica.pdf)

\(^{22}\) [https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/ya-esta-disponible-el-web-de-abrelatam-y-condatos-2023/](https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/ya-esta-disponible-el-web-de-abrelatam-y-condatos-2023/)

\(^{23}\) [https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/realizada-reunion-de-julio-del-grupo-de-trabajo-en-datos/](https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/realizada-reunion-de-julio-del-grupo-de-trabajo-en-datos/)

\(^{24}\) [https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/comenzo-a-Funar-grupo-de-trabajo-regional-de-gobernanza-de-datos-e-inteligencia-artificial/](https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/comenzo-a-Funar-grupo-de-trabajo-regional-de-gobernanza-de-datos-e-inteligencia-artificial/)
Date: July 27.
Executed 25.

3.3.2) Regional webinar on the subject.
Location: Virtual
Date: 2nd. semester.
To be held on November 20 26.

3.3.3) Regional document.
Date: 2nd. semester.
Status: it was decided that the region would use as reference the existing documents by
the promoting agencies of GEALC Network, such as the OAS Practical Guide for
CSIRT, which are disseminated on GEALC Network channels 27.

3.3.4) Working group meetings.
Date: Quarterly (4 a year).
Executed (April 28, May 29, June 30, October 31)

3.3.5) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Executed 32.

3.4) Digital government measurement

Objective: To provide support for research carried out within the framework of GEALC
Network in accordance with its promoting organizations.

3.4.1) Support regional studies on digital government public policies.
Location: Virtual meetings.

25 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/webinar-regional-de-ciberseguro-27/
27 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/disponible-la-guia-practica-de-oea-para-csirts-un-modelo-de-negocio-sustentable/
28 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reunion-de-abril-de-2023-del-grupo-de-trabajo-en-ciberseguro/
29 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-mayo-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
30 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/se-realizaron-las-reuniones-de-junio-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-red-GEALC/
31 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/grupo-de-trabajo-en-cibersegura-define-agenda-del-track-tematico-de-noviembre/
32 https://www.redGEALC.org/lineas-de-trabajo/cibersecurity/
Executed: the IDB-OECD digital government study presented at the Annual Meeting in November 2022 was strongly supported.

3.4.2) Working group meetings.  
Location: Virtual meetings.  
Date: Quarterly.  
The topic was addressed cross-sectionally in the other working groups, especially in the public software one.

3.5) Public sector innovation

Objective: To enhance the exchange of good practices to strengthen innovation policies in the public sector of the region.

3.5.1) The regional public innovation webinar focused on digital inclusion and gender issues, to promote regional cooperation on the matter.  
Location: Virtual  
Date: July 19.  
Executed 33.

3.5.2) Second regional public innovation webinar.  
Location: Virtual  
Date: 2nd semester.  
To be held on November 20.

3.5.3) Working group meetings34  
Date: 4 a year.  
Location: Virtual meetings.  
Executed (March 35, May 36, June 37, August 38, September 39).

3.5.4) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.  
Location: Virtual.

33 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/los-webinar-tematicos-seran-en-julio/
34 The meetings of the Innovation and Emerging Technologies working groups (3.6.4) will be held jointly, by consensus in the two groups.
35 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reunion-de-marzo-de-grupos-de-trabajo-de-innovacion-y-tecnologias-emergentes/
36 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-mayo-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
37 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/se-realizaron-las-reuniones-de-junio-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-red-GEALC/
38 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-agosto-de-2023/
39 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-setiembre-2023-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
3.6) Emerging technologies

Objective: To identify emerging technologies and develop insights to support digital transformation in the region.

3.6.1) The regional webinar on emerging technologies of the 1st semester was held in person and focused on Caribbean countries.
Location: Kingston, Jamaica.
Date: February 15.
Executed 41.

3.6.2) Second regional webinar on emerging technologies.
Location: Virtual.
Date: 2nd semester.
To be held on November 20.

3.6.3) Regional document update.
Date: Annual.
Location: Virtual meetings.
In progress.

3.6.4) Working group meetings.
Date: Quarterly (4 a year).
Location: Virtual meetings.
Executed (March 42, May 43, June 44, August 45, September 46).

3.6.5) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.

40 https://www.redGEALC.org/lineas-de-trabajo/innovacion/
41 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/taller-en-jamaica/
42 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reunion-de-marzo-de-grupos-de-trabajo-de-innovacion-y-tecnologias-emergentes/
43 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-mayo-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
44 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/se-realizaron-las-reuniones-de-junio-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-red-GEALC/
45 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-agosto-de-2023/
46 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-setiembre-2023-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
Executed 47.

3.7) Public software

Objective: Advance in the co-creation and adaptation of public software based on the collaborative model defined by the countries of GEALC Network as a regional public good.

3.7.1) Regional public software webinar.
Location: Virtual
Date: July 20.
Executed 48.

3.7.2) Second regional public software webinar.
Location: Virtual
Date: 2nd semester.
To be held on November 20.

3.7.3) Working group meetings.
Date: Quarterly (4 a year).
Location: Virtual meetings.
Executed (May 49, June 50, August 51, September 52).

3.7.4) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Executed 53.

3.8) Cross-sectional
Objective: Disseminate throughout GEALC Network the region's progress on digital government and mainstream working groups actions.

47 https://www.redGEALC.org/lineas-de-trabajo/tecnologias-emergentes/
48 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/los-webinar-tematicos-seran-en-julio/
49 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-mayo-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
50 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/se-realizaron-las-reuniones-de-junio-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo-de-red-GEALC/
51 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-agosto-de-2023-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
52 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/reuniones-de-setiembre-2023-de-los-grupos-de-trabajo/
53 https://www.redGEALC.org/lineas-de-trabajo/software-publico/
3.8.1) Update content on GEALC Network’s website and social media.
Date: Annual.
Location: Virtual.
Ongoing ⁵⁴.

3.8.2) Strengthen the Network’s position and coordination with other mechanisms.
Date: Annual.
It was executed with special attention from the Technical Secretariat, highlighting, for example, the presence of GEALC Network in the Resolution on Open, Digital, Inclusive and Transparent Government, which is part of the projects included in the Resolution for Strengthening Democracy AG/RES. 3004 (LIII-O/23) approved by the Ministers and High Level Foreign Affairs Authorities of the OAS Member States during the 53rd General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held on Friday, June 23, 2023 in Washington, ⁵⁵D.C.

3.8.3) Cross-sectional webinar of the working groups.
Date: 2nd. semester.
Location: Virtual.
To be held in December.

3.8.4) 20 years of GEALC Network Material.
Date: 2nd. semester.
Location: Virtual.
In progress.

3.9) GEALC Network Annual meeting
Objective: Meeting of the highest level authorities of the region.

Location: Virtual
In progress.

3.9.2) Meeting documents.
Location: Virtual
In progress.

3.9.3) Hold the meeting and approve documents.
Place: Santiago de Chile.

⁵⁴ www.redGEALC.org

To be held from November 20 to 22.

3.10) Annex

Some activities not foreseen in the original Work Plan document.

January: Argentina-Uruguay Horizontal Cooperation Exchange on Cross-Border Digital Services 56.
February: Cross-border Digital Authentication Pilot Project 57.
February: Panama-Trinidad & Tobago Horizontal Cooperation Exchange 58 on cross-border digital services.
March: Mexico-Uruguay Horizontal Cooperation Exchange on data protection 59.
March: Technical mission to Korea by the winners of the excelGOB 2022 Awards 60.
March: Ceremony for the transfer of the Presidency of GEALC Network from Ecuador to Peru 61.
July: GEALC Network participated at INNOVAR (Argentina) 63.
August: Launch of the Government Innovation and Technology Hub in Panama 64.
October: Interoperability Workshop in Bolivia 65.
October: Provision of support by Spanish consultant for the installation of @firma in Costa Rica.

56 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/delegacion-de-argentina-visito-uruguay-para-intercambiar-experiencias-de-transformacion-digital/
57 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/piloto-sobre-autenticacion-digital-transfronteriza/
58 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/intercambio-de-cooperacion-horizontal-panama-trinidad-y-tobago/
59 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/intercambio-entre-mexico-y-uruguay-sobre-proteccion-de-datos-y-acceso-a-la-informacion/
60 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/visita-tecnica-a-corea-del-sur-de-los-ganadores-de-los-premios-excelgob-2022/
61 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/se-realizo-ceremonia-de-transferencia-de-presidencia-de-red-GEALC-de-ecuador-a-peru/
62 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/presentacion-de-la-guia-de-transformacion-digital-del-gobierno/
63 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/red-GEALC-participa-en-innovar-argentina/
64 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/panama-lanzamiento-del-hub-digital-de-innovacion-y-tecnologia-gubernamental/
65 https://www.redGEALC.org/contenido-general/noticias/taller-interoperaibilidad-en-bolivia/