XVII GEALC Network Annual Assembly
November 22, 2023
2024 Work Plan

1) Background

In keeping with the bylaws approved during the III Ministerial Meeting of Electronic Government and the 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 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 2024 Work Plan.

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."[1]

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 workshop

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[1] Source: GEALC Network Bylaws: https://www.redgealc.org/sobre-red-gealc/estatutos/

Location: In person.
Date: 1st semester.
Resources: IDB and participating agencies work time.

3.1.2) Regional cross-border authentication workshop.
Location: In person.
Date: 2nd semester.
Resources: IDB and participating agencies work time.

3.1.3) Update of the list of trusted lists of cross-border digital signature.
Location: Virtual.
Date: 2nd semester.
Resources: IDB and participating agencies work time.

3.1.4) Update on the study of security policies and technical requirements, gap analysis and harmonization recommendations, for the Caribbean region in particular.
Location: Virtual meetings.
Date: Annual.
Resources: IDB and participating agencies' work time.

3.1.5) Begin the consensus technical document on regional digital authentication.
Location: Virtual meetings.
Date: Annual.
Resources: IDB and participating agencies' work time.

3.1.6) Cross-border interoperability working Group meetings.
Location: Virtual.
Date: To be defined (4 a year)
Resources: Participating agencies' work time.

3.1.7) Cross-border digital signature working Group meetings.
Location: Virtual.
Date: To be defined (4 a year)
Resources: Participating agencies' work time.

3.1.8) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working Group time and IDB funds.

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 GobCamp
Date: 2nd semester.
Location: To be defined.
Resources: Participating countries:

3.2.2) Regional Webinar
Date: 1st semester.
Location: Virtual.
Resources: Participating countries:

3.2.3) Working Group meetings
Date: To be defined (4 a year)
Location: Virtual meetings.
Resources: Working Group time.

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 this subject matter.
Location: Virtual.
Date: 1st semester.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.3.2) A regional webinar on this subject matter.
Location: Virtual
Date: 2nd semester.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.3.3) Working Group meetings
Date: Quarterly (4 a year)
Location: Virtual meetings.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.3.4) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working Group time and IDB funds.

3.4) Data governance and artificial intelligence

Objective: Join efforts and generate collaboration for the design of the Inter -American Guidelines for Data Governance and Artificial Intelligence as well as to carry out knowledge transfers in the subject matter between the countries of the region.

3.4.1) Participation in two regional meetings.
Location: To be defined.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working Group time and OAS support.

3.4.2) Two dialogue spaces for knowledge exchange with civil society organizations and private companies.
Location: To be defined.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working Group time and OAS support.

3.4.3) Regional document on data governance and artificial intelligence guidelines.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working Group time and OAS support.

3.4.4) Communication strategy of the Working Group.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working Group time and OAS support.

3.4.5) Working Group meetings
Date: Quarterly (4 a year)
Location: Virtual meetings.
Resources: Working Group time.

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) Regional webinar on public innovation.
Location: Virtual
Date: 1st semester.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.5.2) Working Group meetings[2]

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[2] The meetings of the Innovation and Emerging Technologies working Groups (3.6.4) will be held jointly, by consensus

Date: Quarterly (4 a year)
Location: Virtual meetings.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.5.3) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working Group time and IDB funds.

3.6) Emerging Technologies

Objective: To identification of emerging technologies and development of insights to support digital transformation in the region.

3.6.1) Regional emerging technologies webinar.
Location: Virtual
Date: 2nd semester.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.6.2) Regional document update
Date: Annual.
Location: Virtual meetings.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.6.3) Working Group meetings
Date: Quarterly (4 a year)
Location: Virtual meetings.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.6.4) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working Group time and IDB funds.

3.7) Public software and measurement

Objective: To encourage sharing of public software and the use of measurements in the GEALC Network countries.

3.7.1) Regional Webinar
Location: Virtual
Date: 1st semester.

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in the two Groups.

Resources: Working Group time.

3.7.2) Working Group meetings
Date: Quarterly (4 a year)
Location: Virtual meetings.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.5.3) Enhance the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.
Location: Virtual.
Date: Annual.
Resources: Working Group time and IDB funds.

3.8) Cross-sectional matters

Objective: To disseminate regional progress on digital government through GEALC Network and to mainstream working Group actions.

3.8.1) Content update at Red GEALC´s website and social media.
Date: Annual.
Location: Virtual.
Resources: IDB.

3.8.2) Strengthen the Network's position and coordination with other mechanisms.
Date: Annual.
Location: Virtual.
Resources: Executive Committee work time.

3.8.3) Support processes to strengthen the regional agenda in keeping with resolutions arising from the OAS General Assembly.
Date: Annual.
Location: Virtual.
Resources: Executive Committee work time.

3.8.4) Publish information on coordination efforts between GEALC Network and other mechanisms with respect to the regional digital transformation agenda.
Date: Annual.
Location: Virtual.
Resources: Executive Committee work time.

3.8.5) Cross-sectional working Groups webinar
Date: 2nd semester.
Location: Virtual.
Resources: Working Groups' time.

3.9i) New working groups

3.9i.1) Create a new working group on Digital Inclusion.
Date: Annual.
Place: Virtual.
Resources: Working time of countries.

3.9i.2) Create a new working group on Green Digital Transformation.
Date: Annual.
Place: Virtual.
Resources: Working time of countries.

3.9ii) Ministerial Meeting and GEALC Network Annual Meeting.

Objective: Regional high level authorities meeting, gathering ministers and directors.

3.9ii.1) Work Plan by the VIII Ministerial Meeting and XVIII Annual Meeting.
Location: Virtual
Date: 1st semester.
Resources: Executive Committee work time.

3.9ii.2) Meeting Documents.
Location: Virtual
Date: 2nd semester.
Resources: Executive Committee work time.

3.9ii.1) Announcement of the excelGOB awards
Location: Virtual
Date: 1st semester.
Resources: Executive Committee work time.

3.9ii.4) Hold the meeting, present the excelGOB awards and approve documents.
Location: Brazil.
Date: To be defined.
Resources: Network countries' work time.