

XIX GEALC Network Annual Assembly
October 29, 2025

2026 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 2025 Executive Committee, consisting of Bolivia, Brazil, Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Guyana, and Paraguay (under the presidency of Chile), supported by the OAS in the role of Technical Secretariat, the IDB as the promoting body, and the Manager of the Network, presents this Plan for approval to the GEALC Network Assembly in Antigua, October 29, 2025.

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

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

3.1) Cross-border Authentication, Digital Signature and Interoperability

Objective: To generate capacity and support the implementation of cross-border authentication, digital signature and interoperability towards cross-border digital services 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

Location: Virtual.

Date: 1st semester.

Resources: IDB and participating agencies work time.

3.1.2) Support the regional cross-border authentication broker (idLAC).

Location: virtual.

Date: 1st semester.

Resources: IDB, WB, CoDevelop and participating agencies work time².

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) Webinar on multiplication for legislators

Location: virtual.

Date: 2nd semester.

Resources: IDB and participating agencies work time.

3.1.5) Update of consensus technical document on regional digital authentication.

Location: Virtual meetings.

Date: Annual.

Resources: IDB and participating agencies' work time.

3.1.6) Working group meetings.

Location: Virtual.

Date: to be defined (4 per year).

Resources: Participating agencies' work time.

3.1.7) Populate the space for this thematic axis on the website of GEALC Network.

² During the VIII Ministerial Meeting of the Red Gealc, a panel was held in which the IDB, the World Bank, and Codevelop expressed their firm intention to support this broker.

Location: Virtual.

Date: annual.

Resources: Working Group time and IDB funds.

3.2) Data

Objective: To redouble efforts to develop and strengthen 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 per year).

Location: Virtual meetings.

Resources: Working Group time.

3.3) Cybersecurity

Objective: To contribute to 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) Regional webinar on this subject matter.

Location: Virtual

Date: 2nd semester

Resources: Working Group time.

3.3.3) Working Group meetings

Date: Quarterly (4 per year)

Location: Virtual meetings.

Resources: Working Group time.

3.3.4) Populate 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) Digital Equity

Objective: Support actions aimed at a digital transformation that considers equity among people.

3.4.1) Regional webinar on the subject matter

Location: Virtual
Date: 1st semester
Resources: Working Group time

3.4.2) Regional webinar on the subject matter

Location: Virtual
Date: 2nd semester
Resources: Working Group time

3.4.3) Working Group meetings

Date: Quarterly (4 per year).
Location: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.5) Public Software and Public Digital Infrastructures

Objective: To make progress in the sharing of public software and Digital Public Infrastructure by GEALC Network countries.

3.5.1) Regional webinar.

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

3.5.2) Working Group meetings

Date: Quarterly (4 per year).
Location: Virtual exchanges.
Resources: Working Group time.

3.5.3) Populate 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 and Innovation

Objective: To identify emerging technologies and become familiar with them, in line with government innovation, to support digital transformation in the region.

3.6.1) Regional webinar.

Location: Virtual

Date: 2nd Semester

Resources: Working Group time.

3.6.2) Regional document update

Date: Annual.

Location: Virtual exchanges.

Resources: Working Group time.

3.6.3) Working Group meetings

Date: Quarterly (4 per year).

Location: Virtual exchanges.

Resources: Working Group time.

3.6.4) Populate 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) Green Digital Transformation

Objective: To support actions aimed at a digital transformation that takes the environment into consideration.

3.7.1) Regional webinar on the subject matter.

Location: Virtual

Date: 1st semester

Resources: Working Group time.

3.7.2) Regional webinar on the subject matter.

Location: Virtual

Date: 2nd semester

Resources: Working Group time.

3.7.3) Working Group meetings

Date: Quarterly (4 per year).

Location: Virtual exchanges.

Resources: Working Group time.

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.

3.8.5) Cross-sectional Working Groups webinar

Date: 2nd semester.

Location: Virtual.

Resources: Working Groups' time.

3.8.6) Support, through the Measurement working group, the regional studies on the subject matter carried out in coordination with GEALC Network.

Date: Annual.

Location: Virtual.

Resources: Working Group time.

3.9) GEALC Network Ministerial Meeting

3.9.1) IX Ministerial Meeting and XX Annual Meeting action plan.

Location: Virtual

Date: 1st semester.

Resources: Executive Committee work time.

3.9.2) Meeting documents.

Location: Virtual

Date: 2nd semester.

Resources: Executive Committee work time.

3.9.3) Hold the meeting and approve documents.

Location: To be defined.

Date: To be defined.

Resources: Network countries work time.

3.10) User Experience and Accessibility

3.10.1) Establish the new working group on the subject.

Date: Annual.

Location: Virtual.

Resources: Working group time.