



PANAMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

CALL FOR
Technical Cooperation Projects
2010

Deadline for reception of requests: 30 April, 2009

Pan American Technical Cooperation Projects in:
(1) Spatial Data Infrastructures; (2); Climatic Change and the Occupation of
Geographic Space; (3) Natural Disasters and (4) History of America

The General Secretariat and the Commissions of Cartography, Geography, Geophysics and History, call for the presentation of Requests for Technical Cooperation Projects for 2010. These projects will be submitted for the consideration of the 71st Meeting of Authorities to be celebrated 29-30 June, 2009. Following the priorities noted in the distinctive Consultative Meetings (Caracas, 2005), requests in the following areas will be received:

1. **Cartography**: the thematic includes: production of fundamental data and structured thematics based on norms and international standards; the development and administration of geospatial databases; the application and on-line visualization of spatial data (portals) in multinational projects; studies related to the proposition of policies applied to the production, diffusion, and employment of spatial data that contribute to the development of such instruments of Member States; studies that permit one to know the cost and the socio-economic return of public investment in the development of **spatial data infrastructures**; the development of methods for the exchange and application of data derived from multiple remote sensors; studies that permit one to know the positional exactitude and qualities of cartographic or geospatial products incorporated in the geospatial databases, based on international standards for the handling and exchange of geographical data via IDEs

Projects that stimulate and assist in institutional strengthening for the development of Geospatial Data Infrastructures **at the national level**, consistent with international standards and the multinational efforts of the Member States.

Geography: projects that analyze **climatic change** and its multiple effects, as well as themes related to the prevention of, attention to, and mitigation of, the effects caused by **natural disasters**.



Related to this context, the thematic includes: generation of methodologies of geographic analysis destined to prioritize spatial planning actions; studies based on the use and rational management of resources and the defense of the natural and cultural patrimony; studies that promote regional development at various scales and its relation to the processes of multidimensional integration; studies that propose mechanisms to improve the teaching of the science of geography with priority to the higher level and climate change and the effects of natural disasters.

History: projects with a global perspective concerning **historical cultural, anthropological, economic and social processes** of Latin America and its countries. The Commission will give preference to the following lines of research: that focus on Natural Disasters and interventions of Man in the landscape.

Geophysics: projects directed to the study and monitoring of geophysical processes destined directly or indirectly to the mitigation of the impact caused by **natural threats and disasters**.

2. **Multidisciplinary projects:** In the XVIII General Assembly (Caracas, 2005) Member States agreed to promote the presentation of projects that integrated the effective participation of the Commissions of the Institute in multidisciplinary projects, with priority given, though not exclusively, to the area of the "Prevention of, attention to, and mitigation of, the effects caused by natural disasters".

The multidisciplinary nature of a project is determined **exclusively** by the active participation of specialists from distinct areas of knowledge and not by the multidisciplinary scope of the aims and results of the project under consideration.

To improve the responsiveness of Member States, is to identify projects related to the development, availability, access, inter-operability, harmonization and application of spatial databases related to natural disasters, as well as services and analysis of spatial information to benefit distinct disciplines dedicated to the technical, social and economic analysis in the area of natural disasters. In applications material priority will be given to comparative experiences associated with flooding, forest fires, and volcanic activity, including the zoning of supranational risk areas, and environmental history.

3. The present Call for Projects seeks to foster Pan-American activities related to the objectives of the PAIGH. Therefore, more attention will be paid to proposals whose results contribute to a better understanding of the continental dimension and help in overcoming obstacles. **The projects must be multinational** for which they must count on the participation of at least two Member States of the IPGH. To that end the proposer must include in the proposal explicit confirmation of the acceptance and contribution of the participating institutions representing the countries involved.
4. In order to provide greater opportunities of participation and adequate management of the initiatives, a specialist cannot be responsible for more than one Technical Cooperation project of the IPGH.
5. **The entire process of preparation, evaluation and approval will be done via electronic media**, thus projects must be presented only via the Request Form for Technical Assistance Projects 2010, and submitted via e-mail (exceptionally, if necessary, the page that contains the signatures that the petitioner will have to obtain may be sent by fax). The consolidation of the parts that comprise the Project Request must be in one single electronic message per project and, if the same includes various archives, those must contain the identification of the project to which they refer.
6. **Only** those requests for projects presented **exclusively** in the General Secretariat of the Institute that comply totally with the requisites stipulated in the Form of Requests for Technical Cooperation 2010 will be considered. Therefore, no consideration will be given to incomplete or untimely



requests, that is to say, those presented after **24:00 hours, Mexico City time (-6 GMT), on 30th April, 2009.**

7. Without it implying any guarantee, and only with the aim of specifying the relevance of the requests for projects, and that the same are presented adequately, it is recommended that the proposers contact the respective President of the Commission before the definitive presentation of the request is made (the form contains the addresses of the Commission Presidents).
8. The average annual amount of the projects financed by the PAIGH is U\$6,000. As a means of stimulating interdisciplinary projects, especially in the area of natural disasters, the final amount assigned can be the result of budgetary contributions derived from two or more commissions, in which case the cited amount could be modified.
9. For a project request to be accepted it is necessary that the respective National Section of the PAIGH has complied with its obligation to present its Report of Activities corresponding to 2008.

The Request Form for Projects is available at:

<http://www.ipgh.org/Cooperacion-Tecnica/>

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