



49th Meeting of the Directing Council

Virtual modality, November 20, 2019

RESOLUTION No. 5

PRIORITIES FOR THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) 2021

The 49th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan-American Institute for Geography and History (PAIGH), on its virtual modality,

CONSIDERING:

The purposes of the PAIGH established in its Organic Statutes;¹

The fact that on the 25th of September of 2015, the leaders of the world adopted a set of global objectives for ending poverty, protecting the planet and ensuring prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda (Sustainable Development Goals - SDGs 2030);²

The clarifications contained in the Pan American Agenda of the PAIGH for 2010-2020: adaptations to climate change, territorial management, historic heritage and the handling of natural hazards;

The search for innovation and creativity in setting priorities for the Technical Assistance Projects (PAT), with the objective of bringing out the full potential of the benefits, strengthening the institutional usefulness of the PAIGH and, in consequence, optimizing the assignation of resources;

The fact that the ever-changing progress made in the field of science and technology means that there is a continual updating of the priorities for granting the financial resources of the PAT, without neglecting the mission and the objectives of the Institute;

The fact that it is intended to encourage the raising of external funds for the PAIGH through the Seed Projects;

The fact that tools and opportunities will be obtained for provision to the researchers and project responsables of the PAIGH Member States as a single entity, in order to link, more specifically, the aims of the PAIGH with the SDGs, while retaining the necessary flexibility;

¹ "The PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY is a Specialized Organization of the ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. Its objectives are: 1) To encourage, coordinate and publicize cartographical, geophysical, geographical, and historical studies, as well as other related scientific studies of interest to the Americas. 2) To promote and carry out studies, work and training in the aforementioned fields of activity. 3) To promote cooperation among organizations interested in these fields of activity in the Americas, and with related international organizations". Consulted in: <https://ipgh.org/assets/organic_statute_rules_2018.pdf>.

² Sustainable development objectives and goals – Sustainable Development. Consulted in: <<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>>.



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The recommendations of the 91st and 92nd Meetings, of PAIGH Authorities,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Prioritise the assignation of funds for the year 2021 with a basis in the following criteria:
 - 1) “Seed” projects, which have as their objective developing a proposal for seeking external finance, aligned with the 2030 SDGs.
 - 2) Training projects (preferably with virtual media), in particular those which encourage programming by means of software, or the creation of mobile applications, focused on the areas of interest of the PAIGH.
 - 3) Research projects, which support the analysis of a technical-scientific issue of interest to the Member States, in the disciplines related to the four Commissions.
2. The application will be by means of the corresponding forms for the aforementioned priorities, specifying the link of the initiative to the purposes of the PAIGH and the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda.
3. Concerning the projects aimed at the disciplines of cartography, geography and geophysics, initially priority will be given to those which contribute to education, the reduction of disasters arising from natural phenomena, clean water and hygienic conditions, industry, innovation and infrastructure, sustainable cities and communities, research into climate change, special methods of geophysical exploration, the life of terrestrial ecosystems and alliances for achieving objectives.
4. Concerning projects focused on history-related disciplines, preference will be given to initiatives that encourage the development of critical thought and analyses of modern situations with a view towards the future about those issues that currently affect America, starting with their historical roots. These will cover political, economic and social history; inter-American relations; cultural history; historiography and the teaching of history; cultural heritage and the conservation of records and archives; environmental history and climate change; migration processes, gender studies, and also Anthropological and Archeological matters.
5. The priorities and actions of the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) will be continually assessed, with the aim of keeping them relevant and in an ongoing existence.

