



GROUP ON
EARTH OBSERVATIONS

GEO-XI

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Evaluation of New Observers

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1 INTRODUCTION

GEO welcomes as Observer, intergovernmental, international and regional associations with a mandate in Earth observations or related activities, subject to approval by GEO Members.

In accordance with Annex C to the Rules of Procedure (guidance for Recognition of New GEO Participating Organizations and Observers), the Executive Committee reviewed all requests and made recommendations to the Plenary for final decision.

As of GEO-X (January 2014) the following entity has submitted an application for becoming an Observer in GEO.

Organization	Executive Committee Recommendations	Plenary Action
PAIGH, Pan American Institute for Geography and History	Regional capacity-building expertise and ability to strengthen linkages with national geospatial agencies. Recommended	

APPENDIX 1



INSTITUTO PANAMERICANO DE GEOGRAFÍA E HISTORIA

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY
INSTITUTO PANAMERICANO DE GEOGRAFIA E HISTÓRIA INSTITUT PANAMÉRICAIN DE GÉOGRAPHIE ET D'HISTOIRE

Organismo Especializado de la Organización de los Estados Americanos

SECRETARÍA GENERAL

Oficio:

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August 27, 2014

Ms. Barbara J. Ryan
Director
GEO Secretariat

Dear Ms. Ryan:

We have the pleasure to refer to the invitation that you kindly sent to us and hereby formally apply for joining to the Group on Earth Observations (GEO).

The Pan American Institute for Geography and History was created in February 7th, 1928. Currently its headquarters are established in Mexico City. In 1949, the Institute signed an agreement with the Council of the Organization of American States and became its first Specialized Organization.

The objectives of PAIGH are to encourage, coordinate, and publicize cartographical, geographical, geophysical and historical studies as well as other related scientific studies of interest to the Americas. In addition, to promote and carry out studies, work and training in the aforementioned fields of activity and to promote cooperation with related international organizations.

PAIGH could contribute to GEO as a facilitator at the regional level in the Americas for capacity building in the areas of PAIGH's specialty and to serve as a liaison between GEO and the National Geospatial or National Geography Agencies of member countries in Latin America.

The PAIGH Member States are: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haití, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela. On the other hand, the permanent observers are: France, Israel, Jamaica and Spain.

Please let us know if we can provide you with any further information that would be helpful in facilitating this process.

We look forward to the prospect of a closer relationship between GEO and PAIGH.

Sincerely,


Rodrigo Barriga-Vargas
Secretary General



Organization Requesting Recognition as Participating Organization or Observer

Name of organization: *Pan American Institute for Geography and History*

Acronym: PAIGH (English) or IPGH (Spanish)

Type: Intergovernmental International Regional National

Other: Specialized Body of the Organization of American States

Joint Programme of: Not applicable

Purpose/Activity: The objectives of PAIGH are to encourage, coordinate, and publicize cartographical, geographical, geophysical and historical studies as well as other related scientific studies of interest to the Americas. In addition, to promote and carry out studies, work and training in the aforementioned fields of activity and to promote cooperation with related international organizations

Proposed Contribution to GEOSS: PAIGH could contribute to GEO as a facilitator at the regional level in the Americas for capacity building in the areas of PAIGH's specialty and to serve as a liaison between GEO and the National Geospatial or National Geography Agencies of member countries in Latin America

Formal endorsement of GEOSS 10-Year Plan: Yes No

Date: August 2014

Organization request PO Observer