

**PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR THE AMERICAS (CPIDEA)
Guadalupe López.México**

In agreement with resolution number three of the 6th Regional Cartography Conference of The United Nation for the Americas, the Permanent Committee of Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Americas (CPIDEA) was constituted, during the International Seminar of National Spatial Data Infrastructure, held from the 28th of February to the 1st of March 2000 in Bogota Colombia. The CP IDEA looked for a forum in order to maximize the economic, social and environmental benefits of geographic information in accordance with Agenda 21 and that fulfil the following objectives:

General Objectives:

To cooperate in the development of a regional infrastructure of geographic information and in addition contributes to the Global Infrastructure of Spatial Data.
Share experiences and carry out consultations on common topics of interest for countries of the Region.
Participate in educational activities, training and transfer of technology.

Individual Objectives:

Prompt the production of spatial information for investigation and support development.
Form regional policies for the utilization of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI).
Promote the use of spatial information and generate specific applications in order to support development of the countries and the region.
Promote development of National Infrastructures in order to obtain the harmonic development of the Regional Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Americas.

Organization

In Regional Subcommittees For Central America, of the North, of the South and The Caribbean.
With a Provisional Directive Board, while the final statutes are being approved
President: Colombia
Vice-president: Mexico
In Work Groups for:
Legal and Economic Affairs
Impulse Communication for the SDI
Technical Affairs

The challenge for the countries of the region is to define the SDI as a strategic policy with real and practical perspective that facilitates and gives support to decision making, assures the quality and opportunity of geographic information that the new times require.