



## **Authorities from the Americas gather in Bogotá, Colombia, to strengthen the regional agenda on cadastre and property registry at the IX Conference and Regional Assembly #CONFCAT23**

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From November 29th to December 1st of the current year, the highest national authorities in cadastre and property registry from the Americas gathered in the city of Bogotá, Colombia, to convene the **IX Conference and Assembly of the Inter-American Network of Cadastre and Property Registry (RICRP)**. The event spanned three days and was structured around three thematic axes with seven blocks of dialogue, encompassing a total of thirty-five conferences and presentations. It featured the participation of over 130 national and international guests in person, and virtual platform views exceeded 2,500.

This event, considered the most prominent in the region within its scope, centered around the thematic axis of "Cadastre and Registry in Times of Climate Crisis: Rethinking Rights and Tenure Relationships in Strategic Ecosystems." It emerged in response to the agreements of the 53rd General Assembly of the OAS, particularly reflected in the Resolution on Strengthening Democracy: "X. Strengthening of Cadastre and Property Registry in the Americas" (AG/RES. 3004 [LIII-O/23]).

The gathering brought together the highest authorities from both the public and private sectors, along with experts, civil society representatives, and enthusiasts of cadastre and property registry. The central purpose of the meeting was to promote dialogue among regional authorities on the significance of cadastre and property registry in the context of the climate crisis. The aim was to establish a reflective space that would enable a reevaluation of rights and tenure relationships in strategic ecosystems, thereby addressing some of the environmental and territorial challenges currently facing the region.

The summit was co-organized by the Government of Colombia, represented by the Agustín Codazzi Geographic Institute (IGAC) and the Superintendency of Notary and Registry (SNR), in collaboration with the RICRP through the Department for Effective Public Management of the OAS (DEPM/OAS), which serves as the Technical Secretariat of the Network. It received support from the World Bank and backing from ESRI Inc.

With the conclusion of the session:

- The Network reiterated its support for effective integration between registries and cadastres, with an emphasis on promoting appropriate technologies to optimize cadastral systems.
- The need to incorporate environmental information into registry publicity was acknowledged, promoting interoperability and interinstitutional cooperation among the States.
- Attention was drawn to addressing forced displacements, whether due to violence or climate change, as priority aspects in cadastral and registry information.
- A call was made to include a gender perspective in multipurpose cadastres for a more complete and equitable representation of the population in the countries of the region.



Finally, within the framework of the IX Assembly of the RICRP held on December 1st under the presidency of INEGI of Mexico, authorities were elected for the new Executive Committee of the RICRP and its president for 2024. The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Network and was constituted for 2024 as follows:

- President: **Colombia** – Mr. Gustavo Marulanda, Director of IGAC
- Mercosur Region: **Uruguay** – General Directorate of Registries (DGR)
- Andean Region: **Bolivia** – Ministry of Justice and Institutional Transparency
- Central America Region: **Honduras** – Property Institute (IP)
- Caribbean Region: **Dominican Republic** – General Administration of Real Estate Registry
- North America Region: **Mexico** – National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

Additionally, the Assembly approved the nomination of the Instituto Nacional de Colonização e Reforma Agrária-DF (INCRA) of Brazil to host the X Conference and Assembly of the RICRP in 2024 #CONFACAT24.

Furthermore, the RICRP Assembly approved the Bogotá Declaration, a declarative document designed to inspire and guide actions that promote the role of cadastre and registry in favor of social well-being, democracy, and the environment. Learn more about the Bogotá Declaration at the following link: [Bogotá declaration – Cadastre and registry in service of social welfare, democracy, and the environment. – RICRP](#)

For more information about #CONFACAT23 and the RICRP, visit [IX Conferencia RICRP-OEA - English | Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi \(igac.gov.co\)](#) or contact Mr. Mike Mora, Technical Secretary of the RICRP, and Mr. Nicolás Ramírez, consultant for the DEPM/OAS, through the following email addresses: [mmora@oas.org](mailto:mmora@oas.org) and [nramirez@oas.org](mailto:nramirez@oas.org).



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