



Census Cartography Working Group

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This working group provides a forum for statistical agencies and other interested parties to discuss topics related to census cartography.

Terms of Reference

•Share and exchange information on mapping methodologies that support censuses and statistical surveys by:

- collaborating with cartographic units in statistical agencies to document their mapping processes that support field operations for taking a census or conducting a statistical survey
- encouraging statistical organizations to produce and disseminate cartographic products to accompany the use of statistical data
- identifying challenges and obstacles in census mapping operations
- conducting workshops and/or seminars that present best practices in census cartography and census mapping operations, new developments and technical innovations

•Encourage the use of new technologies and approaches supporting census mapping by:

- demonstrating successful mapping technology ventures of census organizations
- identifying methods for improved harmonization of data and data integration
- explore and develop cartographic techniques for effective communication of statistical data themes

•Serve as a forum for census cartographers and organizations that promote census mapping activities by:

- using ICA sponsored workshops and conferences for regional meetings of census cartographers;
- encouraging sponsoring organizations such as the United Nations to participate in conference theme tracks of the International Cartographic Conference.

Working Group Activities (2007 – 2011)

•Census Summit: GIS fro Census and Statistical Agencies – San Diego, CA, August 2008

This summit covered all the aspects of a traditional census including development of enumeration areas, data collection, statistical analysis, and data dissemination.

•Working Group meeting – Santiago, CHILE, November 2009

This discussion session focused on topic of interest and concern as many nations prepared for national censuses between 2009 and 2012

•Caribbean Community Census meeting – San Diego, CA, July 2010

This meeting was an information sharing session between the United States and the Caribbean Statistical Agency

•Symposium of the Census Cartography Working Group: Cartographic Advances in Census Data Collection and Dissemination – Orlando, FL November 2010

The focus of the working group symposium was advances in census cartography in the last decade with a look toward the future. Topics ranged from census mapping techniques to support data collection to thematic and reference mapping to support data dissemination.

