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Integrated Map of North America

Summary**

In relation to the project to create an Integrated Map of North America, interoperability has been adopted as one of the key aspects of data and information production. In particular, the approach of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has been followed with respect to developing an interoperability framework for taxonomic information. Semantic interoperability ensures that the meaning of information shared or exchanged is clear, understandable and does not contain or create any kind of ambiguity. Organizational interoperability means that institutional goals have been clearly defined so as to facilitate collaboration between the institutions and/or organizations exchanging information on the names of transnational geographical phenomena. Similarly, project and collaboration processes should be clearly defined and communicated. Lastly, one of the most important dimensions is technical interoperability, which concerns all the technological elements and components needed to interconnect computer systems and services.

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