

## WHERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

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For information on the work of the United Nations and the activities of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) with regard to the standardization of geographical names, this website gives information, primarily in English, on:

- UNGEGN overview and mandate
- Newsletters and Bulletins
- Documents and publications
- The work of Sessions, Working Groups and Divisions
- Links to national names authorities, national names databases and national toponymic guidelines
- The UNGEGN World Geographical Names Database
- Romanization systems accepted by the UN
- UN Conference resolutions and UNGEGN decisions relating to geographical names
- UNGEGN webinars
- UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029



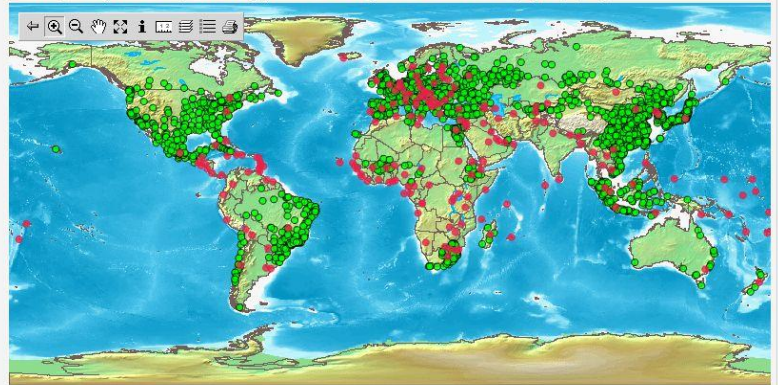
### UNGEGN World Geographical Names

Multilingual, multidisciplinary dataset of names of countries, capitals and major cities.

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Select a country to zoom in and get the name

Roll over a country to display the country name in the six UN languages. Point to a city to see the city endonyms (where available and in romanized form only) and the English name. Capital cities are shown in red, other cities are shown in green. Note: Depending on the computer settings, some names might not be able to be displayed properly.



Notes:

- The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. The source for the file is UNGEGN.
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### Other websites containing information on geographical names

For names of populated places and features throughout the world, as well as domestic place names in the USA, Antarctic place names and the names of undersea features, search the website of the United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN): <http://geonames.usgs.gov>

For information on undersea feature names, please consult the work of the Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) of the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO), a joint project of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC): [http://www.gebco.net/data\\_and\\_products/undersea\\_feature\\_names](http://www.gebco.net/data_and_products/undersea_feature_names)

For information on the Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica (CGA) compiled by the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) visit:

<https://data.aad.gov.au/aadc/gaz/scar/>

For bibliographic information on toponymy visit the website of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences, which includes the *International bibliography of Onomastic Sciences*:

<https://icosweb.net/publications/bibliography/>

## Selected Publications

United Nations – see <https://unstats.un.org/UNSD/geoinfo/UNGEGN/publications.html>

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (2002; 2007 Addendum) *Glossary of Terms for the Standardization of Geographical Names*, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York

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## General

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