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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries
and on the progress made in the standardization of
geographical names****Report of Egypt****Summary****

In accordance with resolution I/4 of the First United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics collected, documented and standardized Egyptian place names used in the 2017 population, housing and establishments census, in coordination with the country's relevant ministries and administrative bodies.

Egypt participated in the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names in translating the resolutions adopted at the 11 United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names. It also participated in the work of the technical committees of the Arabic Division of the Group of Experts to collect the names of the major Arab cities. In addition, Egypt actively participates in the work of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, the Joint Commission/Working Group on Toponymy of the International Geographical Union and the International Cartographic Association and the Task Team for Africa of the Group of Experts.

Egypt participates in conferences and events related to geospatial events, including the meetings of the Arabic Division of the Group of Experts, the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management and the International Geographical Union.

With respect to the publication and research of geographical names, the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics has published the Directory of Administrative Divisions for 2017 and a list of villages and their corresponding sub-villages. It also periodically updates the country's geographical portal,¹ spatial

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by Eman Oriby, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics, Egypt. The report will be available at unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/41/CRP.41.

¹ Available at <http://geoportals.capmas.gov.eg/>.



maps² and digital maps.³ The portal can be used to search for geographical names at their three administrative boundary levels (based on the names of places collected from the 2017 census) and it also displays thematic maps of statistical data and indicators.

Egypt also contributed to the 55th edition of the semi-annual information bulletin⁴ issued by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, submitting an article on the legislative frameworks for the standardization of geographical names in Egypt.

² Available at www.capmas.gov.eg/Pages/GIS_Boundaries_detailedMap.aspx?page_id=5077.

³ Available at www.capmas.gov.eg/Pages/GIS_Boundaries.aspx?page_id=5074.

⁴ Available at https://unstats.un.org/Unsd/geoinfo/UNGEKN/docs/Bulletin/UNGEKN_bulletin_55_revised.pdf.