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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 Iceland****Summary\*\***

The full national report of Iceland is divided into six sections.

The first section provides a brief overview of the linguistic background of toponyms in Iceland.

The second section provides a summary of current toponymic legislation and administrative activity pertaining to the standardization of geographical names. Please note that detailed information about the historical background of the current legislation can be found in the report of Iceland submitted to the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names at its 2019 session (GEGN.2/2019/45/CRP.45/Rev.2).

The third section contains information about current initiatives regarding place-name collection in Iceland.

The fourth section provides information about toponymic data sets that are actively maintained by the National Land Survey of Iceland (Landmælingar Íslands) and the Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies (Stofnun Árna Magnússonar í íslenskum fræðum), respectively. The National Land Survey of Iceland and the Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies work actively together on ensuring the interoperability of the official national toponymic database (maintained by the National Land Survey) and the newly opened database “Nafnið.is” (maintained by the Institute) that makes the Institute’s place-name archive accessible on the Internet.

The fifth section contains a list of relevant publications and websites.

The sixth section provides contact details.

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\* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

\*\* The full report was prepared by Emily Lethbridge, Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, Reykjavík. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/29/CRP.29, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd\\_session\\_2021/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/).

