



UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

Geographical Names Supporting Sustainable Development and
Management of the Pandemic

2021 Session UNGEGN | 3 - 7 May 2021 | @UNSD_GEGN #2021UNGEGN



UNGEGN 2nd/2021 Session

Global Conversation

April 15, 2021
8:00 am (NYC time)



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Items to be addressed today

1. UNGEGN 2021 /2nd Session Preparations

- i. Session modality
- ii. Registration
- iii. Documentation
- iv. Preparing and submitting written statements
- v. What happens during the session

2. Discussion

- i. Questions and answers segment

Moderator and Speaker: Stefan Schweinfest- Director UNSD

Other Speakers – Cecille Blake UNGEGN Secretariat,



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UNGEEN 2021 /2nd Session date and times

DATE: Monday 3 to Friday 7 May 2021

TIMES: morning 9:00 -11:00 and
afternoon 15:00 – 17:00 (EDT/New York Time)
There will be 10 informal meetings of the 2021 session, and each virtual meeting will be of two hours.

MODE: On the Interprefy virtual platform

Session Chair: Pierre Jaillard – France

Session Secretary: Muhammad Soomro- DGACM



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On-boarding on **Interprefy**



- Remote simultaneous interpretation in all six official UN languages
- On boarding to familiarize delegates will be done the week before the session, details to be announced.
- The Secretariat will reach out to delegations for training (onboarding)
- Access links to be provided to registered delegates for onboarding/training and for the session



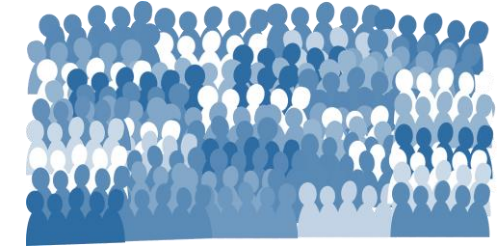
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Participation



Virtual session = many participants



Two modes of participating in the session

Delegation – Active participants

Head of delegation, core delegates and supporting experts

Access via Interprefy – view, hear, speak, access chat

Recommended maximum 5 delegates per delegation

Others

Additional delegates, stakeholders and interested persons

UN-WebTV - View and hear in all 6 languages

Open to all



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Registration



Registration deadline is 26 April.

Member State representatives should contact their Ministries of Foreign Affairs and or their Missions to New York. They will register your delegation via e-delegate.

Observers should submit your interest to participate and contact details to the UNGEGN Secretariat (frani@un.org).



Failure to register means no connection to the virtual platform for the 2021 UNGEGN session



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Documentation

- 217 summaries and full reports are now accessible on the 2021 session webpages:
 - **125 full reports** and
 - **92 summaries**. These have been translated in all UN languages
- Documents are grouped **FOR INFORMATION** and **FOR DISCUSSION**
- **49 full reports have been identified for discussion**



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General Documents Other Documents Side Event

Registration UNGEGN 2021-2nd Session

Delegations are kindly invited to register their composition of delegation via the e-registration page on the e-deleGATE portal, the opening of which will be announced in the UN Journal in mid-March.

The documents of the 2nd Session of UNGEGN will be available from the links below;

Documents (general)

List of documents by agenda item

- Agenda item 2
- Agenda item 3
- Agenda item 4(a)
- Agenda item 4(b)
- Agenda item 4(c) & 4(d)
- Agenda item 5(a)
- Agenda item 5(b)
- Agenda item 6(a)
- Agenda item 6(b)
- Agenda item 7
- Agenda item 8
- Agenda item 9

Documents

- Provisional agenda
 - GEGN 2/2021/1, Submitted by UNGEGN Secretariat
 - Arabic | Chinese | English | French | Russian | Spanish
- Annotated Provisional Agenda - advance unedited version
 - GEGN 2/2021/1/Rev.1
 - English
- Organization of work - advance unedited version
 - GEGN 2/2021/3
 - English
- Documentation for the session
 - GEGN 2/2021/INF/1
 - Arabic | Chinese | English | French | Russian | Spanish
- Documentation - Sample final paragraphs
- Summary template

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- Meetings
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- Events
- Links
- Contact

[Draft Strategic Framework](#)

Participate in the exercise and access documents here

[To receive the UNGEGN bulletin, click to complete the form](#)

Tweets by @UNSD_GEGN

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Greg Scott of the @UNGGIM Secretariat kicking off the second of our virtual High-Level Forum Events, today, focusing on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, detailing how the IGIF has received wide global consultation to support

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Essential Session Documents

Rules of Procedure

The policies and regulations governing the meetings of the UNGEGN are laid out in the Rules of Procedure. (Decision 2018/264)

Provisional agenda

list of all items to be considered at the session

Organization of work

scheduled programme of work, with actual dates and times of meetings, listing of agenda Items that will be chronologically brought before the Group of Experts for considerations

Annotated provisional agenda

Contains more details on the agenda. Lists all agenda items and documents to be considered during the session

Both documents will be preapproved by Silence Procedure



Written Statements

Given the virtual mode of the session and reduce times delegations are encouraged to submit your written statements corresponding to the papers per agenda items 3 to 15. These statements constitute the interventions delegations would normally make from the floor during the session.

Written Statements:

1. Provides delegations with the opportunity to contribute to the discussions on subjects considered per agenda items.
2. Allows the extended Bureau and Secretariat to review and prepare summaries, facilitate discussions and find consensus language.
3. Must refer to a specific agenda item.
4. A submitted written statement from delegation X may be commented on with a written statement from another delegation Y.



Written Statements contd.

STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

1. **A Template** (Word document) for preparing written statements is available for downloading
2. Completed statements are to be emailed to: geoinfo_unsd@un.org
3. Due to the potential volume of submissions in a condensed period, we encourage written statements to be brief, provided in English if possible, focused on the main discussion items for the Group of Experts, and **submitted to the Secretariat by 23 April**.
4. All submitted statements will be uploaded in pdf format and available from the related agenda item on the Statement tab/page. [UNSD – United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names](#)

<i>Item Number:</i> Click or tap here to enter text.	
<i>Item Name:</i> Click or tap here to enter text.	
<i>Statement/intervention provided by:</i> Click or tap here to enter text.	
<i>Statement/intervention:</i> Click or tap here to enter text.	
Submitted on:	Click or tap to enter a date.

Template for written statements



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Written Statements contd.

Written statements may be submitted by the following:

- Member States: by or on behalf of the Head of Delegation,
- UNGEGN Geographical and Linguistic Divisions: by the Chair/President; and
- Observers: by the designated Lead Person of the entity



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What happens during the session

Proposed Modality – see paper [General information \(un.org\)](#)

Body of documents available: summaries, reports and written statements

1. **Opening of the Session and procedural matters** – Agenda items 1 and 2
2. **Substantive matters** – Agenda items 3 to 15
 - i. Chair opens agenda item and invites introduction of papers for discussion
 - ii. Pre-identified representatives/authors introduce papers for discussion
 - iii. Interventions from delegations who informed the Secretariat in advance of the meeting of their intention to speak under that agenda item.
 - iv. If time permits, additional interventions will be taken from the floor.
 - v. Delivery of the summary of the discussion.
3. **Review, finalization of decisions and adoption of report** on the 2021 session
 - i. The agreed Report will be placed under Silence Procedure immediately following the session.



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Protocols -Introduction of Papers and Interventions

Introduction of papers for discussion –

- speakers asked to limit oral introduction to 3 minutes

Interventions from delegations and observers

- Speakers who indicated an intention to take the floor and if time permits others from the floor
 - an interactive manner
- The chair acknowledges and gives the speaker the floor
- Speakers are encouraged to limit interventions/statements to 3 minutes

All participants

- Use of chat function is encouraged for posting comments relevant to the agenda item. Please post the agenda item and document number per comment.



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Important dates to note

Date	Event
Wednesday 14 April	Secretariat begins to accept written statements
Friday 16 April	Extended deadline for submission of papers
Friday 23 April	Last day to submit written statements
Monday 26 April	Last day to register for the 2021 Session
Tuesday 27 April	Newcomers orientation session

Please see the [Frequently asked Questions](#) document for additional information

[FAQ-22 March 2021.DGACM.IS.pdf \(un.org\)](#)



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Should you have additional questions



For procedural questions on session modalities

Contact Muhammad Soomro at soomroi@un.org

For substantive questions – documentation/reports, website etc.

Contact Cecille Blake at blake1@un.org and or Vilma Frani at frani@un.org



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Open Discussion

Participants are invited to unmute their microphones and to ask questions on preparations for the 2021 UNGEGN Session.



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Thank you for joining us for UNGEGN Global Conversation



Join us on

Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 8:00 am for
the

**Newcomers Orientation for the
UNGEGN 2021 Session**

You will learn more about UNGEGN
and UN meeting procedures.

UNGEGN website: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/

UNGEGN email: geoinfo_unsd@un.org



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