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**Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity,
including Indigenous, minority and regional languages
and multilingual issues**

Focus group on Legislation, policies & best practices relating to geographical names

Summary **

One of the focus groups within the Working Group of Geographical names as cultural heritage, decided on in the UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of work 2021–2029, is a Focus group on Legislation, policies & best practices relating to geographical names. At the meeting of the WG at the 2021 virtual session, Norway was asked to start up and lead the focus group. Since that the task to lead the focus group has been broadened, and the FG will be led jointly by Norway and Sweden. We plan to hold a digital meeting in the Focus group after the current UNGEGN session.

Member States that wish to participate are invited to email their interest to Ingvil Nordland (ingvil.nordland@nmbu.no) or Annette Torensjö (annette.torensjo@isof.se).

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