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Toponymic education**Report of the Working Group on Training Courses
in Toponymy****Summary****

The full report constitutes a record of the activities of the Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy for the period 2021–2023. The report focuses on the preparations for the staging of a toponymy training course to be held from 19 to 23 June 2023 in Bali, Indonesia, shortly after the 2023 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, to be held in New York.

The online webinars of the Group of Experts, initiated after the 2021 session in order to strengthen toponymy capacities, are outlined in the report. The report features three webinars. The first webinar, held on 31 August 2021, was entitled “Geographical names standardization supporting national development”; the second, held on 10 May 2022, was on the theme “Developing digital gazetteers using free and open-source software”; and the third, held on 30 September 2022, was entitled “Linked open data developments – what’s in [it] for UNGEGN and its experts”.

Also included in the report are the contributions the Working Group made to the overall operation of the Group of Experts, through participation in meetings of the Bureau of the Statistical Commission and of the Statistics Division.

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** The full report was prepared by the Convenor of the Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy, Peder Gammeltoft. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2023/14/CRP.14.

