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**Monitoring and evaluation of the strategic plan and
programme of work, 2021–2029, and of the work of the
Group of Experts****Implementation of the United Nations Group of Experts on
Geographical Names strategic plan and programme of work
for 2021–2029 during the period 2021–2023****Summary****

The report provides a summary of the implementation of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names strategic plan and programme of work for 2021–2029 during its first two years and a preliminary assessment of the progress and future tasks to be focused on in the remaining period. Each of the five strategies has been allocated to Vice-Chairs and relevant working group convenors for regular monitoring and coordination, with the further involvement of Member States and Divisions, as well as the Bureau and all the working groups.

Despite the restrictions resulting from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, a series of online meetings was organized and discussions were held to activate the action items of each strategy, i.e. on the advancement of technical aspects, cooperation with United Nations and non-United Nations bodies and publication, along with other discussions on the substance of names standardization. There are, however, items for which no progress has yet been demonstrated. A spreadsheet shows the status of the 51 action items under the five strategies.

Amendments are proposed for a few action items that need some clarification. It is also proposed that the agenda of future Group of Experts sessions be restructured in alignment with the strategies.

* [GEGN.2/2023/1](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/).

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