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**Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity,
including Indigenous, minority and regional languages
and multilingual issues****Focus group on Indigenous and minority language
geographical names****Summary****

At the meeting of the Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage held during the 2021 virtual session of United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Canada was appointed to lead the focus group on Indigenous and minority language geographical names.

In 2022, Canada began to conceptualize the focus group and, in 2023, has begun to reach out and meet with interested Member States. The intention is to hold the first official meeting of the focus group as an in-person side event during the 2023 session of the Group of Experts.

Member States that wish to participate and provide input, guidance or support to the focus group are invited to email their expressions of interest to the following address: nrcan.gnbc-ctc.nrcan@canada.ca.

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