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Strengthening relationships, links and connections in geographical names
standardization and for sustainable development and pandemic recovery

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2023/Third UNGEGN Session

Newcomers Orientation to UNGEGN and the Session

1 May 2023

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2023 Orientation Conference Room 4



Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)



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AND TO
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WELCOME from UNGEGN Bureau and Secretariat

- Third/2023 session of UNGEGN,
 - operating under the adjusted methodology proposed at the 2017 United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names and decided by ECOSOC in July 2018
- **First in-person UNGEGN session since 2019**
- Introducing newcomers
 - to UNGEGN and
 - the formal procedures of a United Nations inter-governmental meeting
- Hope to assist for a better understanding
 - for new delegates and observers
 - benefit more from the week's discussions



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What is important to know?

1. The United Nations

2. Background on UNGEGN

- Aims
- History
- Bureau, Working Groups and Divisions
- Website and resolutions

3. Your role BEFORE/DURING/AFTER Sessions

- The New York Resource Guide
- Side events
- Rules of Procedure
- Interventions

4. Meeting Documents

- Annotated Provisional Agenda; Organization of work
- Reports/Conference room papers
- Other documents



... Questions ...



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The United Nations System

UN PRINCIPAL ORGANS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECURITY COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

SECRETARIAT

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL⁶

Subsidiary Organs

- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- International Law Commission
- Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)
- Main Committees
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Funds and Programmes¹

- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
 - **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
 - **UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP²** United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-HABITAT³** United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

Research and Training

- UNIDIR** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
- UNU** United Nations University

Other Entities

- ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
- UNCTAD^{1,4}** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNHCR²** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNOPS¹** United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNRWA¹** United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-WOMEN¹** United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Related Organizations

- CTBTO PREPARATORY COMMISSION** Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
- IAEA^{1,2}** International Atomic Energy Agency
- ICC** International Criminal Court
- IOM¹** International Organization for Migration
- ISA** International Seabed Authority
- ITLOS** International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- OPCW²** Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- WTO^{1,4}** World Trade Organization

Peacebuilding Commission

HLPF High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Subsidiary Organs

- Counter-Terrorism Committee

International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

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- Military Staff Committee

Peacekeeping operations and political missions

- Peacekeeping operations and political missions
- Sanctions committees (ad hoc)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Functional Commissions

- Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Narcotic Drugs
- Population and Development
- Science and Technology for Development
- Social Development
- Statistics
- Status of Women
- United Nations Forum on Forests

Regional Commissions⁹

- ECA** Economic Commission for Africa
- ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ESOWA** Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Other Bodies¹⁰

- Committee for Development Policy
- Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- **UNAIDS** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- **UNEGN** United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
- **UNGGIM** Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

Departments and Offices⁸

- EOSSG** Executive Office of the Secretary-General
- DCO** Development Coordination Office
- DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
- DGC** Department of Global Communications
- DMSPC** Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
- DOS** Department of Operational Support
- DPO** Department of Peace Operations
- DPPA** Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- DSS** Department of Safety and Security
- OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Other Offices

- OCT** Office of Counter-Terrorism
- ODA** Office for Disarmament Affairs
- OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services
- OLA** Office of Legal Affairs
- OSAA** Office of the Special Adviser on Africa
- SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- SRSG/VAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children

Research and Training

- UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- UNRISD** United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Disaster Risk Reduction

- UNDRR** United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- UNODC¹** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- UNOG** United Nations Office at Geneva
- UN-OHRLLS** Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- UNON** United Nations Office at Nairobi
- UNOP²** United Nations Office for Partnerships
- UNOV** United Nations Office at Vienna

Specialized Agencies¹⁻⁵

- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ILO** International Labour Organization
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization
- UPU** Universal Postal Union
- WHO** World Health Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- WMO** World Meteorological Organization
- WORLD BANK GROUP⁷**
 - **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - **IDA** International Development Association
 - **IFC** International Finance Corporation

Notes:

- Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- (IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).
- WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues.
- Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (intergovernmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Office of Administration of Justice.
- For a complete list of ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies see un.org/ecosoc.

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System.

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- A subsidiary body of ECOSOC
- Promotes standardization of geographical names in response to national requirements
- Creates and follows-up on the implementation of resolutions
- Provides a forum for discussion – geographers, linguists, administrators, GIS specialists, cartographers ...
- Supported by a Secretariat at UNHQ (NY)
- Creates working groups and task teams to focus on specific areas of current concern and interest
- Has 24 geographical/linguistic divisions for grassroots work



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What UNGEGN is NOT

- Decision maker on feature names
- Arbitrator of disputes over names
- Place to air political issues, even if they are related in some way to place names
- Decision maker on what processes, legislation or policy is correct for any country

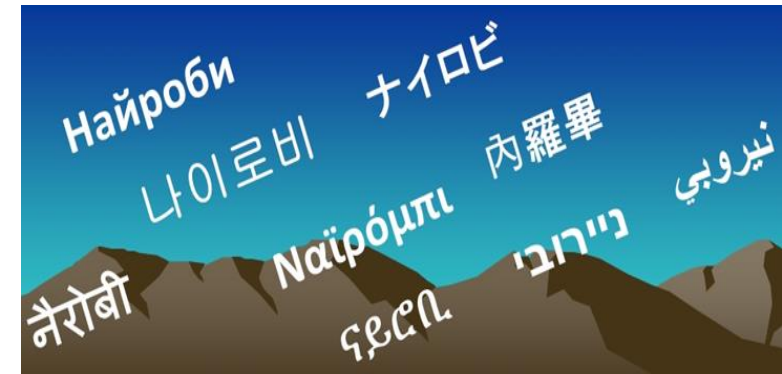


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UNGEGN's aims

- Encourage the creation of national names authorities
 - backed by legislation
 - respect local usage of names
 - collect, store and disseminate authorized names - for government and public use
- Raise awareness of the value and benefits of geographical names standardization
- Recognize the value of geographical names both to identify place and as elements of cultural heritage
- Develop single scientifically-based systems of romanization
- Contribute to work of UN bodies and collaborate with non-UN organizations



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Early days of UNGEGN

- **1959 – Resolution 715A (XXVII) of ECOSOC**
 - To bring together experts to advise on geographical names for use in UN Cartography
- **1960 – 1st meeting of experts in New York**
 - USA, France, UK, Iran, Guatemala, China
- **1967 - First Conference held in Geneva**
 - 11 conferences every 5 years until 2017
 - New York, Geneva, London, Athens, Montréal, Berlin
 - 30 UNGEGN sessions – two (2) between conferences
 - New York, Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi, Bangkok



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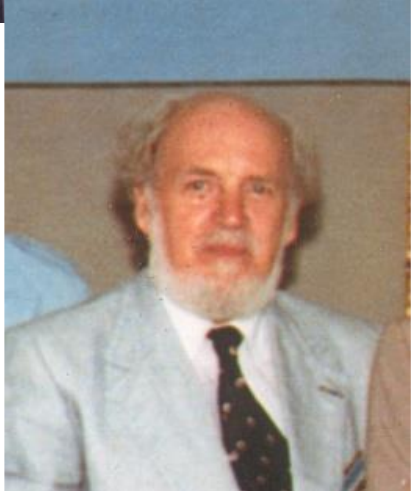


Some Major Milestones – 1970s & 1980s

- 1970** First Working Groups
- 1972** “UNGEEN” and first Divisions
- 1979** Toponymic Guidelines started – e.g. Austria
- 1982** First Toponymy Training Course - Indonesia
- 1987** Compendium of Resolutions started
- 1988** First UNGEEN Newsletter (now Bulletin)



Josef Breu,
Austria



Ferjan Ormeling, Sr
Netherlands



Milestones – 2000s

- 2001 First brochure published
- 2002 UNGEGN website launched
- 2004 Task Team for Africa
Online UNGEGN World geo-names database
- 2010 Online database of Resolutions
- 2012 Web-based training course
- 2016 Formalized cooperation with UN-GGIM
(started in 2010)



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Evolution of UNGEGN – recent history

- **2017 – Reorganization to “new” UNGEGN**
 - To convene every 2 years starting in 2019
 - Reports to ECOSOC
- **2019 – Creating Strategic Plan**
 - Including Programme of Work
 - Document (CRP.94) for approval at this session (Agenda #7)
- **2021 – After approval of Strategic Plan**
 - Inviting Member States to become involved in the implementation of the Programme of Work



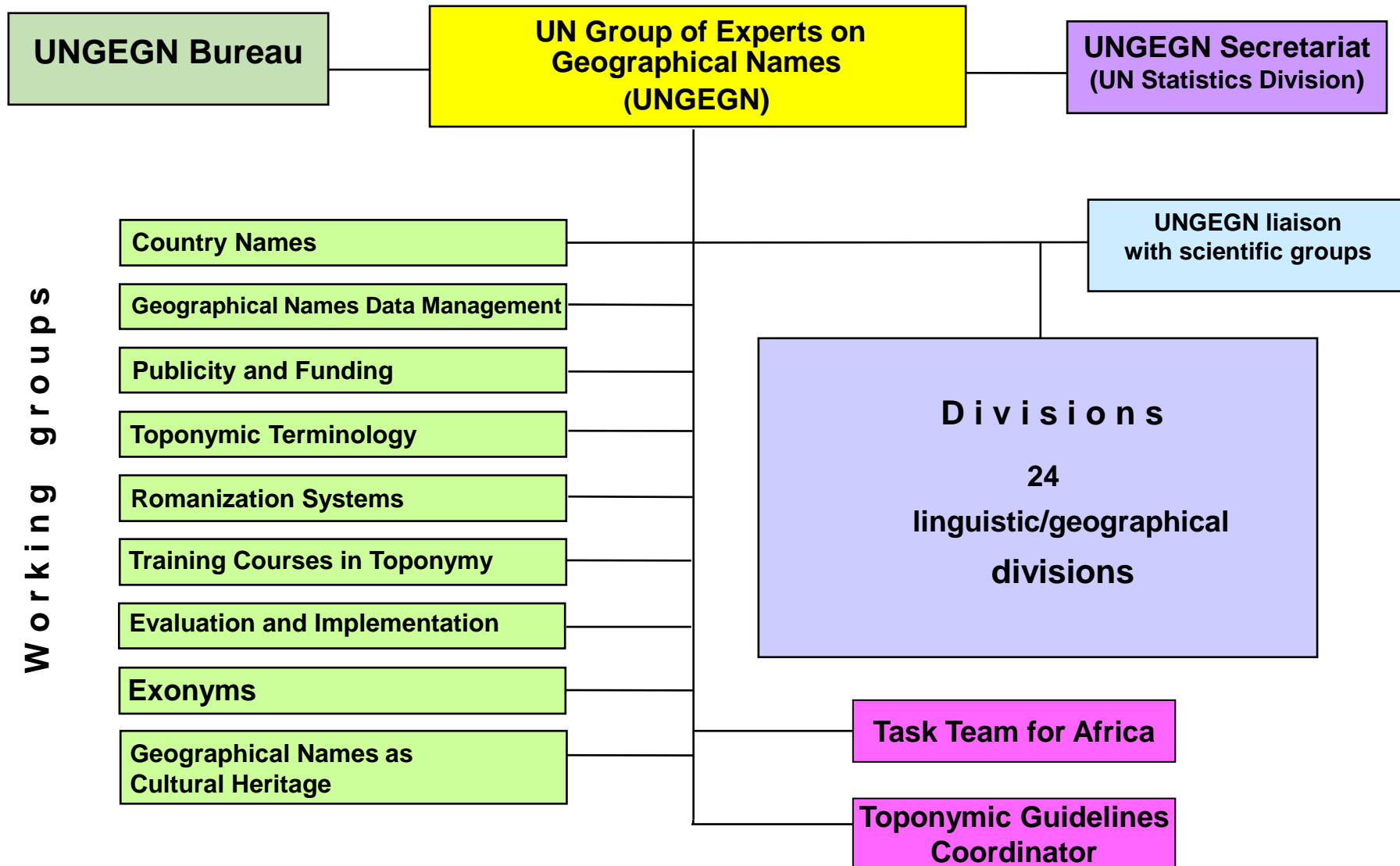
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UNGEGN Structure



Supported by the UN Statistical Division through the UNGEGN Secretariat



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Chairperson

- Mr. Pierre Jaillard, France

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- Mr. Sungjae Choo, Republic of Korea
- Ms. Susan Birtles, Australia

Rapporteurs

- Mr. Trent C. Palmer, USA
- Ms. Wendy Shaw, New Zealand



UNGEEN Chairperson



Vice-Chairpersons



Rapporteurs



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UNGEEN working groups

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Romanization

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Training

Geo-names Data Mgmt

Evaluation / implementation



Exonyms

Terminology



Terminology

Country names

Cultural heritage

Publicity / funding



Task Team for Africa

Coordination of Toponymic Guidelines



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UNGEEN Divisions (24)

Africa Central	Baltic	India
Africa East	Celtic	Latin America
Africa South	China	Norden
Africa West	Dutch- and German-speaking	Pacific South-West
Arabic	East Central and South-East Europe	Portuguese-speaking
Asia East (other than China)	Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia	Romano-Hellenic
Asia South-East	East Mediterranean (other than Arabic)	United Kingdom
Asia South-West (other than Arabic)	French-speaking	United States / Canada



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UNGEEN Liaison with other Organizations

1. International Cartographic Association (**ICA**)
2. Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (**ICANN**)
3. International Council of Onomastic Sciences (**ICOS**)
4. International Council on Indigenous Place Names (**ICIPN**)
5. International Hydrographic Organization (**IHO**)
6. International Organization for Standardization (**ISO**) Technical Committee 211 (TC/211)
7. Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (**PAIGH**)
8. Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (**SCAR**)
9. Unicode Consortium



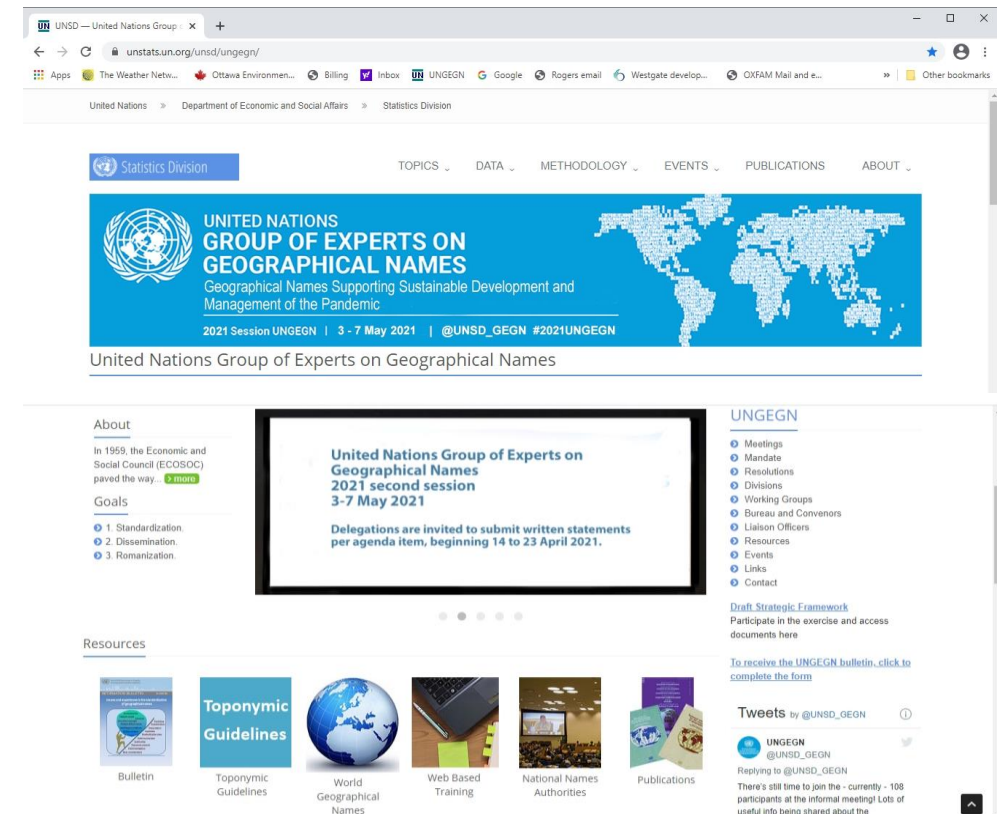
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UNGEEN Website

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/>

- Last redesign was in 2019
- **Very large reference source**
 - UNGEEN Bulletin
 - Manuals, media kit, pamphlets
 - World Geographical Names Database
 - National authorities
 - Documents from conferences/sessions
 - Resolutions/recommendations
 - Web-based training
 - Events, Links, Tweets, and more



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Resolutions, Recommendations and Decisions

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/resolutions/>
NEW <https://www.ngii.go.kr/portal/ungn/main.do>

- Resolutions, recommendations and decisions reflect the technical work discussed
- From 11 Conferences - 211 resolutions assembled and grouped by subject area (26 groups). Recently added are the Recommendations beginning with the 2019 session.
 - national standardization; toponymic guidelines
 - systems of romanization;
 - distribution of data through gazetteers (hard copy/web); data exchange in accepted formats;
 - training and education;
 - cultural heritage; exonyms



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More about resolutions and recommendations

- Available on the web

- Searchable database
 - Arabic, English, French, Spanish
 - Korean
- Compendium
 - Arabic, English, French, Spanish
 - Korean; Portuguese



- “New” UNGEGN

- 8 recommendations
- working decisions



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Things you would have done BEFORE the Session

1. Prepared country reports, divisional reports and technical papers
2. Identify and know the responsible officer(s) with Foreign Affairs in Capital and at your Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York
 - Secure and submit accreditation for participation – registration by E-deleGATE
 - Make arrangements to process your UN grounds pass

Participants should continue to:

1. Monitor the UNGEGN website for updates and documents
2. Read the technical reports, discuss and decide on national positions and prepare statements/interventions.



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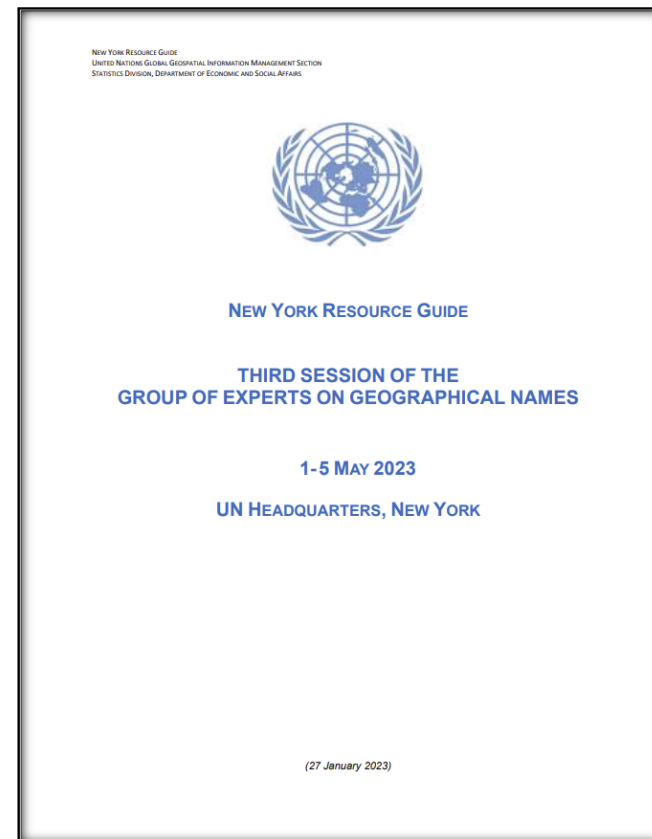
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The New York Resource Guide

The information helps to prepare you for your trip to and during your stay in New York.

It covers:

1. Meeting arrangements
2. Identification Badges and Grounds Passes
3. Secretariat Contact Information
4. Working Languages of the meeting
5. General Information
 - Immigration requirements
 - Money
 - Hotels – Address and Telephone Numbers
 - Guide to Neighborhood Restaurants
 - Airports
 - Transportation – Airport and local
 - Postal Services
 - Time and Weather



[Welcome to New York \(un.org\)](https://www.un.org)



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Table of Side Events

- Refer to the [Table of Side Events](#) for schedules and updated information on divisional and working group meetings and technical seminars during the week [UNGE GN 2023 Side Events 17April.pdf](#)
- Identify the events you wish to attend and note the times and access arrangements. Any changes will be reflected on the web-site
- Sides events may be closed or open.
Divisional and working group meetings are usually open to all delegates
- Interpretation is **not** provided for the side events



Rules of Procedure

Decision 2018/264

Rules of procedure of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and draft agenda for its first session

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 24 July 2018, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2018/2 of 10 November 2017, in which it decided that the rules of procedure of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names were to be drafted by the Bureau, in close consultation with the States Members of the United Nations, and be presented to the Council for adoption, decided:

- (a) To approve the rules of procedure of the Group, as set out in annex I to the present decision;
- (b) To approve the draft agenda for the first session of the Group, to be held in 2019, as set out in annex II to the present decision.

Annex I

Rules of procedure of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Guiding principles

I. Aims

The basic aims of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names are:

- (a) To emphasize the importance of the standardization of geographical names at the national and international levels and to demonstrate the benefits to be derived from such standardization;
- (b) To collect the results of the work of national and international bodies dealing with the standardization of geographical names and to facilitate the dissemination of those results to States Members of the United Nations;
- (c) To study and propose principles, policies and methods suitable for resolving problems of national and international standardization;
- (d) To play an active role, by facilitating the supply of scientific and technical help, in particular to developing countries, in creating mechanisms for the national and international standardization of geographical names;
- (e) To provide a vehicle for liaison and coordination among Member States, and between Member States and international organizations, on work associated with the standardization of geographical names;

- The policies and regulations governing the meetings of the UNGEGN are laid out in the Rules of Procedure (Decision 2018/264).
- They constitute a set of procedures and conducts that ensure the proper functioning of meetings.
- All participants are obliged to respect these rules and follow the procedures.

Rules of Procedure of UNGEGN

The Rules of Procedure are available here:
<https://www.un.org/ecosoc/sites/www.un.org.ecosoc/files/documents/2018/decision.2018.264.pdf>



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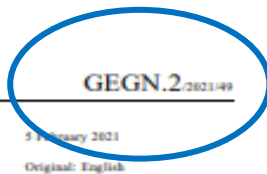


UNGEEN Rules of Procedure

- **DEFINITIONS** Rule 2
- **COMPOSITION** Rule 3
- **REPRESENTATION FOR SESSIONS** Rule 4
- **SESSIONS** Rule 5
- **AGENDA** Rule 6
- **BUREAU** Rules 7 to 9
- **SECRETARIAT** Rules 10 to 12
- **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS** Rules 13 to 24
- **DECISION MAKING** Rules 25 to 36
- **ELECTIONS** Rules 37 to 39
- **LANGUAGES AND INTERPRETATION** Rules 40 to 41
- **DOCUMENTS** Rules 42 to 43
- **RECORDS AND MEETINGS** Rules 44 to 45
- **SUBSIDIARY BODIES** Rules 46 to 47
- **PARTICIPATION OF OBSERVERS** Rule 48
- **AMENDMENTS** Rule 49



Meeting Document Symbols



Symbol
e.g. **GEGN.2/2021/49**



GEGN.2/2021/49

GEGN.2

Session number assigned to the “new” UNGEGN (before the 1st session the symbol was **GEGN**)

/2021

Year of the session

/49

Document number

CRP

conference room paper

INF

Information (e.g. list of participants)

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Limited distribution (generally draft documents)

-/Add...

Addendum

-/Rev...

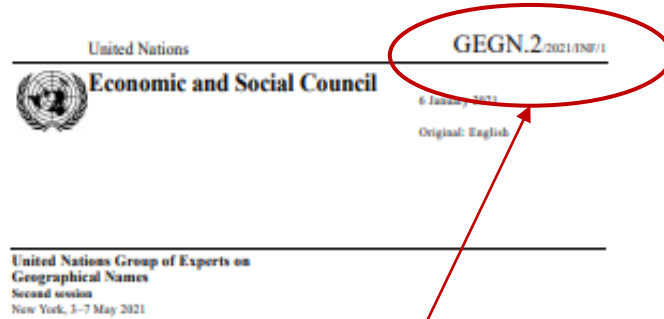
Revision (replacing texts previously issued)



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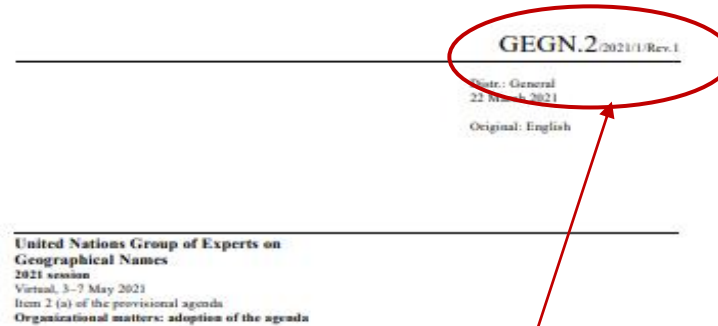
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Essential session documents



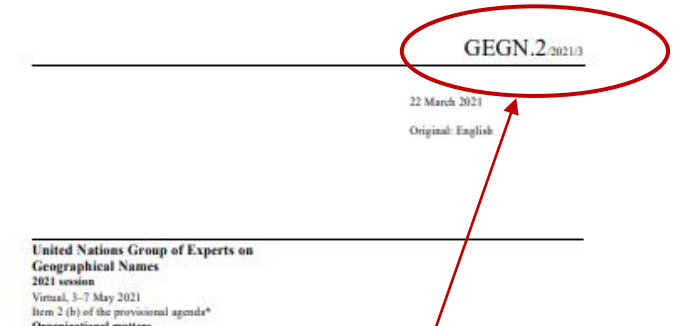
Symbol e.g.
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Documentation for the Session
Guidelines on preparation of documents



Symbol e.g.
GEGN.2/2021/1/Rev.1

Annotated Provisional Agenda
List of all items to be considered during the session with Agenda Item numbering



Symbol e.g.
GEGN.2/2021/3

Organization of work
Detailed listing of Agenda Items that will be chronologically brought before the Group of Experts for considerations



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Summaries and full reports

Symbol e.g.
GEGN.2/2021/6

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5 February 2021
Original: English

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
2021 session
Virtual, 3-7 May 2021
Item 14 of the provisional agenda*
Toponymic data files and gazetteers

Linked data considerations for geographical name standardization

Summary**

Linked data is a set of design principles for sharing machine-readable, interlinked data on the Internet, and open data is a concept whereby data can be freely used, reused and redistributed with no or minimal restrictions. Together, considering linked open data approaches in relation to geographical names data management could further the aims of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names by making gazetteers and related information more interoperable and reusable.

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GEGN.2/2021/6/CRP.6

15 March 2021

English

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Second session
New York, 3-7 May 2021
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Linked data standardization

Submitted by Australia**

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* GEGN.
** Prepared by Management

What is the difference between these two symbols?

GEGN.2/2021/96/CRP.96

This report has a summary, 96 appears twice

GEGN.2/2021/CRP.106

A report only. No summary was submitted

Summaries

- A brief of a report/technical paper
- Translated in all UN languages if submitted within specified time

Reports/Technical Papers

- Provides points, topics for the substantive discussions



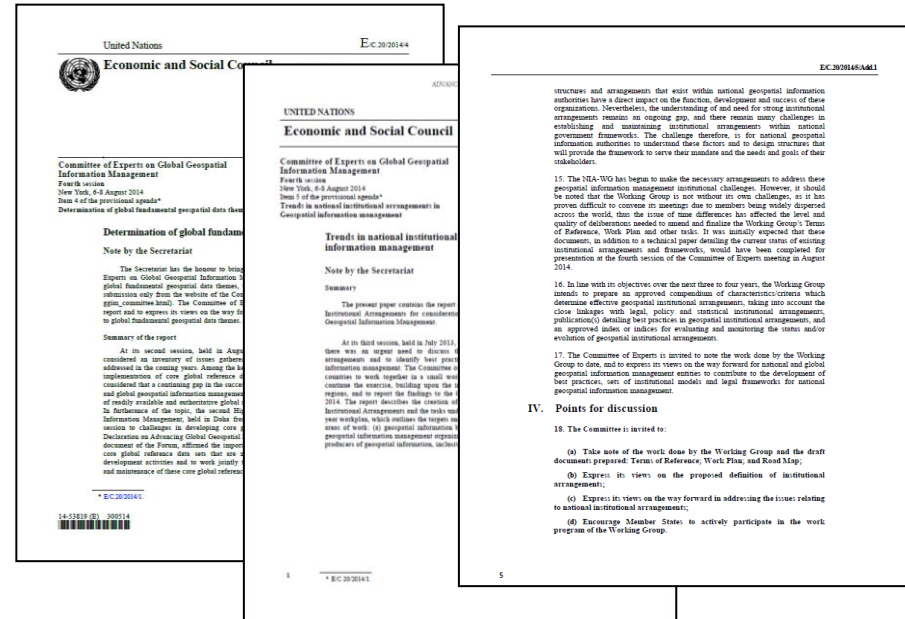
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Reports and Background Documents

Reports are prepared by working groups, divisions, Member States or secretariat. They are available on the Session/Meeting webpages. All Documents have a number/symbol and a title (they may have a summary).

- All **Summaries** are available in all six official UN languages
- **Reports** are only available in the original language of submission
- Reports for Discussion are introduced



Participants are encouraged to read all documents and identify **issues to be discussed**



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DURING the Session

Participants are encouraged to:

- Contact your Permanent Mission in New York
- Have your Mission register you on E-deleGATE
- Become acquainted with the UNGEGN agenda work items
- Actively contribute to the discussions through statements and interventions
- Share your experiences, ideas and solutions
- Identify working groups in which to participate
- Join in the side events

Why it is important to actively participate:

- An ideal forum for networking
- Recharge technically and reconnect with experts
- Let your country's achievements and requirements be known



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What happens during the session

Meeting times – 2 meetings per day – 10:00 -1:00am and 3:00 -6:00pm (New York time)

Have on hand the Organization of Work

1. **Opening of the Session and procedural matters** – Agenda items 1 and 2
2. **Substantive matters** – Agenda items 3 to 16
 - i. Chair opens agenda item and invites introduction of papers for discussion
 - ii. Representatives/authors introduce papers for discussion
 - iii. Interventions from delegations accepted by Chair 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 by the moderator of the agenda item.
3. **Review, finalization of decisions and adoption of report** on the 2023 session



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- Direct the discussions,
- Ensure the observance of the Rules of Procedure,
- Accord the right to speak,
- Put questions to the vote and announce decisions
- may propose the closure of the list of speakers,
- Propose a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times that each member may speak on an item
- May ask Bureau and Working Group members preside over agenda items



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- Address the Chair of session (when you address the Chair you address the Group of Experts as a whole).
- Wait to be asked to speak; your microphone will be unmuted
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10:00 am	(1st meeting) Committee on Information, 43rd Session (26 April - 7 May 2021). Sudan and South Sudan - Security Council VTC briefing. From Emergency Relief to Humanitarian Multilateralism: The Legacy of Near East Philanthropy in the Age of Genocide.
12:00 pm	Daily Press Briefing by the Spokesperson of the Secretary-General and the Spokesperson

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