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Side Event

Meeting of the Working Group on Romanization Systems

1815 – 1930 April 30 – Two UN Plaza 16th Floor Room 1684

Background
Romanization systems play a crucial role in ensuring the consistent and accurate representation of geographical names across languages and scripts. The UNGEGN Working Group on Romanization Systems provides a forum for developing, reviewing, refining, agreeing and promoting national transliteration standards for the global community.

Objective
This meeting will assess the current development of systems not yet approved for UNGEGN use (with invited speakers based on attendance at the plenary), the status of UN-endorsed romanization systems, consider implementation challenges, and explore emerging trends, including digital tools and AI-assisted transliteration.

Key Discussion Points:
- Updates on the development of romanization systems for UN adoption – speakers or those with contributions will be solicited.
- The role of AI and machine learning in romanization.
- Consideration of romanization systems used in a domestic context and the level of implementation of the UNGEGN systems.

Organizers
This meeting is organized by the Working Group on Romanization Systems.

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Registration
This side event is organised outside the main United Nations compound. It is organised at the offices of the United Nations Statistics Division at Two United Nations Plaza on 44th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue. Registration for this side event before Sunday 27 April is **required** to ensure you are able to access the building, as this is taking place outside normal working hours.

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