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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the
standardization of geographical names****Report of Brazil****Summary ****

The full report outlines the efforts made by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) towards the standardization of geographical names during the intersessional period of 2023-2025. Key achievements focus on fostering cooperation among institutions, promoting the cultural values of geographical names (in alignment with Strategies 2, 4i, 4ii, and 4iii of the UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029), and ensuring the dissemination of consistent geographical names (in line with Strategies 3i and 3ii).

To create a tool that ensures the quality of the results obtained in the intended partnerships for the collection of geographical names while highlighting their historical and cultural aspects, the IBGE launched the Technical Manual for the Collection of Geographical Names in July 2023. This initiative focuses on establishing collaboration with organizations working with geographical names, educational and research institutions, and traditional communities.

In December 2024, the IBGE further advanced the dissemination of geographical names by releasing the Brazilian Geographical Names Database (BNGB) and its API (API BNGB). The latter enables simple and secure access to the BNGB's data, enhancing the visibility of geographical names handled by the IBGE and promoting interoperability with other applications.

Additionally, the IBGE's Geographical Names Department has been working since 2017 on the harmonization of geographical names across various vectorial basemaps in different scales, an activity closely tied to the development and ongoing maintenance of the BNGB.

The report will also cover the IBGE's participation in conferences, capacity-building programs, and the organization of events for the sharing of experiences and capacity building (Strategy 5iii) both nationally and internationally.

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