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

Survey of the database of geographical names stored in the physical archive to transfer it to digital format:

- With an update of oronyms (2,490 records) or names and lithonyms (coastal features - 1,008 records).
- As well as the update of the Populated Centers / Localities layer. In total, 6,350 records or names were updated.
- An update of the Populated Centers/Localities layer of 440 records was carried out. This year, with fieldwork, this layer was reviewed in the cantons of Santa Cruz, Upala and Los Chiles for a total of 254 records.

Work of the National Nomenclature Commission (CNN):

- In total, CNN met on 10 occasions, responding to 42 requests for the baptism of public works. Of these, 28 requests were approved, highlighting names on road infrastructure.

Relationships, links and connections.

In September 2024, the workshop "Capacity Building in Geographical Names and Geospatial Information for Experts of the Member States of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)" was held for the third time, which was held in the City of Suwon, South Korea, thanks to the collaboration between the PAIGH and the National Institute of Geographic Information of the Republic of Korea. This meant the continuation and implementation of a work plan among those in charge of geographical names in the PAIGH member countries, coinciding, of course, with UNGEGN Member States.

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- In October 2023, the Commission on Geographical Names was made official at the PAIGH, in which Costa Rica is an active member and also participates in the PAIGH Technical Assistance Project: "Training in regulations and guidelines for the standardization of geographical names".

Knowledge transfer:

- The project "Training in standards and guidelines for the standardization of geographical names" is being developed in conjunction with the UNGEGN Latin America Division and the PAIGH Commission on Geographical Names.
- Costa Rica is an active participant and made a presentation on the Management of Geographical Names to participants from the UNGEGN Latin America Division.
- The National Geographic Institute (IGN) will co-sponsor and host the Geographical Names Costa Rica 2025 seminar, which will take place from 17 to 20 February 2025 in the city of San José, Costa Rica.