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Summary:

Indonesia has been actively contributing to the efforts of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN), mainly through its involvement in the Working Group on Country Names. In 2019, Indonesia compiled a comprehensive list of world capital city names and revised country names, submitted during the first UNGEGN session in New York from 29 April to 3 May 2019 (see GEGN.2/2019/CRP.131). Building upon this foundational work, in 2024, Indonesia updated its exonym document to address inconsistencies in the spelling of country names, ensuring alignment with the orthographic and phonological standards of the Indonesian language and revising the country names based on the UNGEGN List of Country Names in 2021 (see GEGN.2/2021/CRP.130/Rev.1) and the Permanent Mission to the United Nations document No.311 January 2023 (ST/PLS/SER.A/311).

The primary objective of updating the exonym document is to ensure that the representation of country names worldwide adheres to linguistic accuracy and consistency. This initiative is crucial for standardizing references to country names in various official contexts, such as state correspondence, government records, and reports. Moreover, the standardized country names reference educational materials, including textbooks and news, social, and mass media.

In late 2024, the Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia (*Badan Informasi Geospasial* - BIG), in collaboration with the National Agency for Language Development and Cultivation (*Badan Pengembangan dan Pembinaan Bahasa* - BPPB), linguistic experts from the Faculty of Humanities, University of Indonesia, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs finalized the updated exonyms document. By sharing this information, Indonesia reaffirms its commitment to advancing the goals of UNGEGN and contributing to the global standardization of geographical names.

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Updated world country names: short and formal names

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In December 2024, BIG as the National Names Authority of Indonesia, in coordination with the National Agency for Language Development and Cultivation (*Badan Pengembangan dan Pembinaan Bahasa* - BPPB), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and expertise from the Faculty of Humanities, University of Indonesia convened meetings to finalize the updated exonyms document, particularly for country names. These meetings focused on ensuring the pronunciation and spelling conform to the orthography and phonology of the Indonesian language. By sharing this information, Indonesia reaffirms its commitment to advancing the goals of UNGEGN and contributing to the global standardization of geographical names. The table presented below contains the complete set of Indonesian exonyms for country names, which will replace the earlier version.

No	Country Names (Short Name)	Country Names (Formal Name)	Indonesian Exonym (Short Name)	Indonesian Exonym (Formal Name)
1	Afghanistan	Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (the)	Afganistan	Republik Islam Afganistan
2	Albania	Republic of Albania (the)	Albania	Republik Albania
3	Algeria	People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (the)	Aljazair	Republik Demokratik Rakyat Aljazair
4	Andorra	Principality of Andorra (the)	Andora	Kepangeranan Andora
5	Angola	Republic of Angola (the)	Angola	Republik Angola
6	Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua dan Barbuda	Antigua dan Barbuda	Antigua dan Barbuda
7	Argentina	Argentine Republic (the)	Argentina	Republik Argentina
8	Armenia	Republic of Armenia (the)	Armenia	Republik Armenia
9	Australia	Australia	Australia	Australia
10	Austria	Republic of Austria (the)	Austria	Republik Austria
11	Azerbaijan	Republic of Azerbaijan (the)	Azerbaijan	Republik Azerbaijan
12	Bahamas	Commonwealth of the Bahamas (the)	Bahama	Persemakmuran Bahama
13	Bahrain	Kingdom of Bahrain (the)	Bahrain	Kerajaan Bahrain
14	Bangladesh	People's Republic of Bangladesh (the)	Banglades	Republik Rakyat Banglades
15	Barbados	Barbados	Barbados	Barbados

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16	Belarus	Republic of Belarus (the)	Belarus	Republik Belarus
17	Belgium	Kingdom of Belgium (the)	Belgia	Kerajaan Belgia
18	Belize	Belize	Beliza	Beliza
19	Benin	Republic of Benin (the)	Benin	Republik Benin
20	Bhutan	Kingdom of Bhutan (the)	Butan	Kerajaan Butan
21	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Plurinational State of Bolivia (the)	Bolivia	Negara Plurinasional Bolivia
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnia dan Herzegovina	Bosnia dan Herzegovina
23	Botswana	Republic of Botswana (the)	Botswana	Republik Botswana
24	Brazil	Federative Republic of Brazil (the)	Brasil	Republik Federal Brasil
25	Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Darusalam	Brunei Darusalam
26	Bulgaria	Republic of Bulgaria (the)	Bulgaria	Republik Bulgaria
27	Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso
28	Burundi	Republic of Burundi (the)	Burundi	Republik Burundi
29	Cabo Verde	Republic of Cabo Verde (the)	Tanjung Hijau	Republik Tanjung Hijau
30	Cambodia	Kingdom of Cambodia (the)	Kamboja	Kerajaan Kamboja
31	Cameroon	Republic of Cameroon (the)	Kamerun	Republik Kamerun
32	Canada	Canada	Kanada	Kanada
33	Central African Republic	Central African Republic (the)	Afrika Tengah	Republik Afrika Tengah
34	Chad	Republic of Chad (the)	Cad	Republik Cad
35	Chile	Republic of Chile (the)	Cili	Republik Cili
36	China	People's Republic of China (the)	Tiongkok	Republik Rakyat Tiongkok
37	Colombia	Republic of Colombia (the)	Kolombia	Republik Kolombia
38	Comoros	Union of the Comoros (the)	Komoro	Perserikatan Komoro
39	Congo	Republic of the Congo (the)	Kongo	Republik Kongo

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40	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Democratic Republic of the Congo (the)	Republik Demokratik Kongo	Republik Demokratik Kongo
41	Costa Rica	Republic of Costa Rica (the)	Kosta Rika	Republik Kosta Rika
42	Côte d'Ivoire	Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (the)	Pantai Gading	Republik Pantai Gading
43	Croatia	Republic of Croatia (the)	Kroasia	Republik Kroasia
44	Cuba	Republic of Cuba (the)	Kuba	Republik Kuba
45	Cyprus	Republic of Cyprus (the)	Siprus	Republik Siprus
46	Czechia	Czech Republic (the)	Ceko	Republik Ceko
47	Denmark	Kingdom of Denmark (the)	Denmark	Kerajaan Denmark
48	Djibouti	Republic of Djibouti (the)	Jibuti	Republik Jibuti
49	Dominica	Commonwealth of Dominica (the)	Dominika	Persemakmuran Dominika
50	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic (the)	Republik Dominika	Republik Dominika
51	Ecuador	Republic of Ecuador (the)	Ekuador	Republik Ekuador
52	Egypt	Arab Republic of Egypt (the)	Mesir	Republik Arab Mesir
53	El Salvador	Republic of El Salvador (the)	El Salvador	Republik El Salvador
54	Equatorial Guinea	Republic of Equatorial Guinea (the)	Ginea Ekuator	Republik Ginea Ekuator
55	Eritrea	State of Eritrea (the)	Eritrea	Negara Eritrea
56	Estonia	Republic of Estonia (the)	Estonia	Republik Estonia
57	Eswatini	Kingdom of Eswatini (the)	Eswatini	Kerajaan Eswatini
58	Ethiopia	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (the)	Etiopia	Republik Demokratik Federal Etiopia
59	Fiji	Republic of Fiji (the)	Fiji	Republik Fiji
60	Finland	Republic of Finland (the)	Finlandia	Republik Finlandia
61	France	French Republic (the)	Prancis	Republik Prancis
62	Gabon	Gabonese Republic (the)	Gabon	Republik Gabon
63	Gambia	Republic of the Gambia (the)	Gambia	Republik Gambia
64	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
65	Germany	Federal Republic of Germany (the)	Jerman	Republik Federal Jerman

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66	Ghana	Republic of Ghana (the)	Gana	Republik Gana
67	Greece	Hellenic Republic (the)	Yunani	Republik Yunani
68	Grenada	Grenada	Grenada	Grenada
69	Guatemala	Republic of Guatemala (the)	Guatemala	Republik Guatemala
70	Guinea	Republic of Guinea (the)	Ginea	Republik Ginea
71	Guinea-Bissau	Republic of Guinea- Bissau (the)	Ginea dan Bisau	Republik Ginea dan Bisau
72	Guyana	Co-operative Republic of Guyana (the)	Guyana	Republik Kooperatif Guyana
73	Haiti	Republic of Haiti (the)	Haiti	Republik Haiti
74	Holy See	Holy See (the)	Vatikan	Kota Suci Vatikan
75	Honduras	Republic of Honduras (the)	Honduras	Republik Honduras
76	Hungary	Hungary	Hungaria	Hungaria
77	Iceland	Republic of Iceland (the)	Islandia	Republik Islandia
78	India	Republic of India (the)	India	Republik India
79	Indonesia	Republic of Indonesia (the)	Indonesia	Republik Indonesia
80	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Islamic Republic of Iran (the)	Iran	Republik Islam Iran
81	Iraq	Republic of Iraq (the)	Irak	Republik Irak
82	Ireland	Ireland	Irlandia	Republik Irlandia
83	Italy	Republic of Italy (the)	Italia	Republik Italia
84	Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaika	Jamaika
85	Japan	Japan	Jepang	Jepang
86	Jordan	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (the)	Yordania	Kerajaan Hasyimiyah Yordania
87	Kazakhstan	Republic of Kazakhstan (the)	Kazakstan	Republik Kazakstan
88	Kenya	Republic of Kenya (the)	Kenya	Republik Kenya
89	Kiribati	Republic of Kiribati (the)	Kiribati	Republik Kiribati
90	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the)	Korea Utara	Republik Rakyat Demokratik Korea
91	Korea, Republic of	Republic of Korea (the)	Korea Selatan	Republik Korea
92	Kuwait	State of Kuwait (the)	Kuwait	Negara Kuwait
93	Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyz Republic (the)	Kirgistan	Republik Kirgistan

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94	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Lao People's Democratic Republic (the)	Laos	Republik Demokratik Rakyat Laos
95	Latvia	Republic of Latvia (the)	Latvia	Republik Latvia
96	Lebanon	Lebanese Republic (the)	Libanon	Republik Libanon
97	Lesotho	Kingdom of Lesotho (the)	Lesoto	Kerajaan Lesoto
98	Liberia	Republic of Liberia (the)	Liberia	Republik Liberia
99	Libya	State of Libya (the)	Libya	Negara Libya
100	Liechtenstein	Principality of Liechtenstein (the)	Liktenstin	Kepangeranan Liktenstin
101	Lithuania	Republic of Lithuania (the)	Lituania	Republik Lituania
102	Luxembourg	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the)	Luksemburg	Keharyapatihan Luksemburg
103	Madagascar	Republic of Madagascar (the)	Madagaskar	Republik Madagaskar
104	Malawi	Republic of Malawi (the)	Malawi	Republik Malawi
105	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia
106	Maldives	Republic of Maldives (the)	Maladewa	Republik Maladewa
107	Mali	Republic of Mali (the)	Mali	Republik Mali
108	Malta	Republic of Malta (the)	Malta	Republik Malta
109	Marshall Islands	Republic of the Marshall Islands (the)	Kepulauan Marsal	Republik Kepulauan Marsal
110	Mauritania	Islamic Republic of Mauritania (the)	Mauritania	Republik Islam Mauritania
111	Mauritius	Republic of Mauritius (the)	Mauritius	Republik Mauritius
112	Mexico	United Mexican States (the)	Meksiko	Negara Meksiko Serikat
113	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Federated States of Micronesia (the)	Mikronesia	Negara Federasi Mikronesia
114	Moldova, Republic of	Republic of Moldova (the)	Moldova	Republik Moldova
115	Monaco	Principality of Monaco (the)	Monako	Kepangeranan Monako
116	Mongolia	Mongolia	Mongolia	Mongolia
117	Montenegro	Montenegro	Montenegro	Montenegro
118	Morocco	Kingdom of Morocco	Maroko	Kerajaan Maroko

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119	Mozambique	Republic of Mozambique (the)	Mozambik	Republik Mozambik
120	Myanmar	Republic of the Union of Myanmar (the)	Myanmar	Republik Perserikatan Myanmar
121	Namibia	Republic of Namibia (the)	Namibia	Republik Namibia
122	Nauru	Republic of Nauru (the)	Nauru	Republik Nauru
123	Nepal	Nepal	Nepal	Nepal
124	Netherlands	Kingdom of the Netherlands (the)	Belanda	Kerajaan Belanda
125	New Zealand	New Zealand	Selandia Baru	Selandia Baru
126	Nicaragua	Republic of Nicaragua (the)	Nikaragua	Republik Nikaragua
127	Niger	Republic of the Niger (the)	Niger	Republik Niger
128	Nigeria	Federal Republic of Nigeria (the)	Nigeria	Republik Federal Nigeria
129	North Macedonia	Republic of North Macedonia (the)	Masedonia Utara	Republik Masedonia Utara
130	Norway	Kingdom of Norway (the)	Norwegia	Kerajaan Norwegia
131	Oman	Sultanate of Oman (the)	Oman	Kesultanan Oman
132	Pakistan	Islamic Republic of Pakistan (the)	Pakistan	Republik Islam Pakistan
133	Palau	Republic of Palau (the)	Palau	Republik Palau
134	Palestine, State of	State of Palestine (the)	Palestina	Negara Palestina
135	Panama	Republic of Panama (the)	Panama	Republik Panama
136	Papua New Guinea	Independent State of Papua New Guinea (the)	Papua Nugini	Papua Nugini
137	Paraguay	Republic of Paraguay (the)	Paraguay	Republik Paraguay
138	Peru	Republic of Peru (the)	Peru	Republik Peru
139	Philippines	Republic of the Philippines (the)	Filipina	Republik Filipina
140	Poland	Republic of Poland (the)	Polandia	Republik Polandia
141	Portugal	Portuguese Republic (the)	Portugal	Republik Portugal
142	Qatar	State of Qatar (the)	Qatar	Negara Qatar
143	Romania	Romania	Rumania	Rumania

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144	Russian Federation	Russian Federation (the)	Rusia	Federasi Rusia
145	Rwanda	Republic of Rwanda (the)	Ruwanda	Republik Rwanda
146	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Santo Kits dan Nevis	Santo Kits dan Nevis
147	Saint Lucia	Saint Lucia	Santa Lusia	Santa Lusia
148	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Santo Vinsen dan Grenadin	Santo Vinsen dan Grenadin
149	Samoa	Independent State of Samoa (the)	Samoa	Negara Independen Samoa
150	San Marino	Republic of San Marino (the)	San Marino	Republik San Marino
151	Sao Tome and Principe	Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe (the)	Santo Tomas dan Prinsipe	Republik Demokratik Santo Tomas dan Prinsipe
152	Saudi Arabia	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (the)	Arab Saudi	Kerajaan Arab Saudi
153	Senegal	Republic of Senegal (the)	Senegal	Republik Senegal
154	Serbia	Republic of Serbia (the)	Serbia	Republik Serbia
155	Seychelles	Republic of Seychelles (the)	Seisel	Republik Seisel
156	Sierra Leone	Republic of Sierra Leone (the)	Siera Leoni	Republik Siera Leoni
157	Singapore	Republic of Singapore (the)	Singapura	Republik Singapura
158	Slovakia	Slovak Republic (the)	Slowakia	Republik Slowakia
159	Slovenia	Republic of Slovenia (the)	Slowenia	Republik Slowenia
160	Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands	Kepulauan Solomon	Kepulauan Solomon
161	Somalia	Federal Republic of Somalia (the)	Somalia	Republik Federal Somalia
162	South Africa	Republic of South Africa (the)	Afrika Selatan	Republik Afrika Selatan
163	South Sudan	Republic of South Sudan (the)	Sudan Selatan	Republik Sudan Selatan
164	Spain	Kingdom of Spain (the)	Spanyol	Kerajaan Spanyol
165	Sri Lanka	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (the)	Sri Lanka	Republik Demokratik Sosialis Sri Lanka
166	Sudan	Republic of the Sudan	Sudan	Republik Sudan

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167	Suriname	Republic of Suriname (the)	Suriname	Republik Suriname
168	Sweden	Kingdom of Sweden (the)	Swedia	Kerajaan Swedia
169	Switzerland	Swiss Confederation (the)	Swis	Konfederasi Swis
170	Syrian Arab Republic	Syrian Arab Republic (the)	Suriah	Republik Arab Suriah
171	Tajikistan	Republic of Tajikistan (the)	Tajikistan	Republik Tajikistan
172	Tanzania, United Republic of	United Republic of Tanzania (the)	Tanzania	Republik Kesatuan Tanzania
173	Thailand	Kingdom of Thailand (the)	Tailan	Kerajaan Tailan
174	Timor-Leste	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (the)	Timor Leste	Republik Demokratik Timor Leste
175	Togo	Togolese Republic (the)	Togo	Republik Togo
176	Tonga	Kingdom of Tonga (the)	Tonga	Kerajaan Tonga
177	Trinidad and Tobago	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (the)	Trinidad dan Tobago	Republik Trinidad dan Tobago
178	Tunisia	Republic of Tunisia (the)	Tunisia	Republik Tunisia
179	Türkiye	Republic of Türkiye (the)	Turki	Republik Turki
180	Turkmenistan	Turkmenistan	Turmenistan	Turmenistan
181	Tuvalu	Tuvalu	Tuvalu	Tuvalu
182	Uganda	Republic of Uganda (the)	Uganda	Republik Uganda
183	Ukraine	Ukraine	Ukraina	Ukraina
184	United Arab Emirates	United Arab Emirates (the)	Emirat Arab	Perserikatan Emirat Arab
185	United Kingdom	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)	Inggris	Perserikatan Kerajaan Britania Raya dan Irlandia Utara
186	United States of America	United States of America (the)	Amerika Serikat	Amerika Serikat
187	Uruguay	Eastern Republic of Uruguay (the)	Uruguai	Republik Oriental Uruguai
188	Uzbekistan	Republic of Uzbekistan (the)	Uzbekistan	Republik Uzbekistan
189	Vanuatu	Republic of Vanuatu (the)	Vanuatu	Republik Vanuatu
190	Venezuela	Bolivarian Republic of	Venezuela	Republik Bolivar

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	(Bolivarian Republic of)	Venezuela (the)		Venezuela
191	Viet Nam	Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (the)	Vietnam	Republik Sosialis Vietnam
192	Yemen	Republic of Yemen (the)	Yaman	Republik Yaman
193	Zambia	Republic of Zambia (the)	Zambia	Republik Zambia
194	Zimbabwe	Republic of Zimbabwe (the)	Zimbabwe	Republik Zimbabwe