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Fostering synergy between universities and government agencies for effective geographical names standardization

Summary **

Government Regulation No. 2 of 2021 designates Indonesia's Geospatial Information Agency (BIG) the responsibility of coordinating efforts to standardize geographical names in collaboration with various stakeholders, including academic institutions. In the past years, BIG has partnered with universities offering programs in geodesy, surveying, geography, and geographical information science on initiatives such as capacity-building, research, and discussions on collaborative frameworks. However, challenges remain, including the limited integration of toponymy into university curricula, insufficient toponymic expertise, and the lack of well-structured collaboration models.

The paper highlights the importance of fostering synergy between universities and government agencies to overcome existing geographical name standardization challenges. By implementing the proposed strategies, Indonesia will be able to strengthen its geospatial information management and contribute to broader global efforts in geographical names standardization.

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