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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 the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Summary **

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia continues to advance its efforts in the field of geographical names through leadership of the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GEOSA) and the National Committee on Geographical Names. Throughout 2024, significant progress has been made across multiple areas, including the collection, documentation, classification, Romanization, and standardization of geographical names at the national level.

Strong coordination and collaboration with government entities have contributed to the development of unified standards and practices, supporting the Kingdom's broader goals under Vision 2030. Internationally, Saudi Arabia has played an active role, participating in and hosting major forums, contributing to scientific research, and leading the development of strategic initiatives at the Arab regional level.

The Kingdom has also prioritized capacity building by training a new generation of specialists and developing advanced tools such as updated Romanization systems, new digital database structures, and a prototype for a Geographical Names Portal.

Looking ahead, Saudi Arabia remains committed to strengthening its geospatial infrastructure, enhancing regional and international cooperation, and contributing to global efforts in the standardization of geographical names, ensuring that geographical names continue to serve as a vital asset for sustainable development, environmental management, and informed decision-making.

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