



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
7 February 2025

Original: English

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

2025 session

New York, 28 April–2 May 2025

Item 5 (c) of the provisional agenda*

Technical expertise: writing systems and pronunciation

Report of the Working Group on Romanization Systems: current status of United Nations romanization systems for geographical names

Summary**

The report of the Working Group on Romanization Systems provides information on the main developments in respect of the status of romanization systems on the agenda of the Working Group, focusing on the romanization or writing systems for Kazakh, Lao, Sinhala and Uzbek.

Also provided is information on developments pertaining to actions of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names strategic plan and programme of work 2021–2029, in particular action 1-iii-10 relating to innovative methods for romanization. A request is also made to members of the Group of Experts for information on the use of romanization systems in their national contexts.

The romanization systems of the Group of Experts are now available on the Working Group's web pages¹ and remain archived at the former website.²

* [GEGN.2/2025/1](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/gegn/2025/1).

** The full report was prepared by Catherine Cheetham (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Convenor of the Working Group on Romanization Systems. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th_session_2025/, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2025/26/CRP.26.

¹ See https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/working_groups/wg5.cshtml.

² See www.eki.ee/wgrs.

