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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries
and on the progress made in the standardization of
geographical names****Geographical naming in Malaysia: highlights and progress****Summary****

The report provides information on geographical naming activities by Malaysia from 2023 to 2024. The activities were led by the Malaysian National Committee on Geographical Names. Significant progress has been made in updating the Geographic Names Database, which now includes a substantial number of verified names, with further refinements under way for selected urban areas.

Malaysia has developed its own MyGeoName portal, accessible to users, which stores the country's verified geographical names. The application is a web platform that provides a comprehensive list of places in Malaysia along with unique features such as location maps, state histories, spellings in Jawi and audio pronunciations.

Malaysia emphasizes inclusivity and cultural understanding by involving Indigenous and local communities in the naming process, ensuring that names respect cultural and historical contexts. Workshops and training sessions have enhanced stakeholders' understanding of naming standards, while updated guidelines and multilingual publications have supported both national and international consistency.

Malaysia has also actively participated in meetings of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and regional meetings, presenting updates and aligning national practices with international standards.

In line with United Nations resolutions, Malaysia has its own policies and frameworks that promote the accurate and consistent use of geographical names through the guidelines for the determination of geographical names in Malaysia.

* [GEGN.2/2025/1](#).

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Those measures enhance communication, planning and data integration while preserving cultural heritage. Collaborative efforts with state governments, local authorities and other stakeholders ensure that geographical naming supports sustainable development. The country's approach demonstrates its commitment to aligning national naming practices with international standards, delivering measurable benefits in economic, social and developmental contexts.
