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**Reports: divisions of the Group of Experts**

### Report of the Norden Division

#### Summary\*\*

The Norden Division maintained its active engagement in geographical names standardization through regular online meetings between the 2023 and 2025 sessions of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. The Division conducted four strategic meetings during that period: one each in 2023 and 2024, and two dedicated preparatory meetings for the 2025 session.

The virtual gatherings served as a platform for members to present their ongoing work and discuss both shared challenges and country-specific issues in geographical names standardization. The meetings also facilitated knowledge exchange and the coordination of divisional activities. The Division Chair regularly updated members on developments from the Bureau of the Group of Experts, sharing insights from meetings with other Division Chairs. This ensured the alignment of divisional activities with broader objectives of the Group of Experts.

The full divisional report will include detailed information about members' contributions to the 2025 session through their individual reports and working papers, demonstrating the Division's commitment to advancing geographical names standardization.

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

\*\* The full report was prepared by Emily Lethbridge (Iceland) and Peder Gammeltoft (Norway). The report will be available at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th\\_session\\_2025/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th_session_2025/), in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2025/57/CRP.57.

